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In Beijing, A New Dawn 4 Years After Tiananmen

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

BELJING — Nearly four years have passed since the Communist hard-liners sent tanks to Tiananmen Square, filling the morgues with the broken bodies of young fighters for democracy and casting a repressive nightfall across the

Now a dawn of sorts has gradually broken across China.

While thousands of "counterrevolutionaries" remain behind bars, often subject to beatings and humiliation, on the whole the repress seems to be easing. China is in some respects putting the hard-line era behind it and returning to the way it was before the 1989 Transpmen crackdown

One young scholar wanted by the police for this role in the democracy movement spent several years in hiding, trying desperately to flee the country. Last year he decided that escape was impossible, so he returned to Beijing and sorrowfully turned himself in to the police.

"Frankly," a police official told him dismissi-vely, before sending him home again, "we don't

want you any more."

Fear has diminished, though certainly not vanished. Cultural restrictions have relaxed, allowing newspapers and magazines to write about issues like pollution and homosemality. Thousands of political prisoners arrested after Tiananmen have been released, and most are allowed to leave China. Political study classes are out, and talk radio is in.

One human face of these changes is Wang Dan, the slight, earnest 24-year-old who was the leader of the Tiananmen student movement. Captured a month after the crackdown as he tried to flee the country, Mr. Wang was creleased from prison in February and today seems not at all intimidated by the experience.

"The economy is looser than it was back in 1989, but politics are still tightly controlled," Mr. Wang said, as he compared life today with life before the crackdown. That's a contradiction: a liberalized economy and a rigid political system. It's a recipe for upheavals."

As Mr. Wang suggests, political life—though easing—remains more rightly regulated than it was back in the giddy spring of 1989. That was when millions of Chinese took to the streets to protest corruption and inflation and to demand a more democratic system. The movement ended Jane 4, 1989, when troops turned their machine guns on protesters, killing in hundreds and worming demands.

Thousands of Chinese remain in prison sole ly because of their peaceful expression of politi-cal or religious beliefs.

Wei Trigsheng, one of the most cloqueat essayists on democracy that China has produced, is in the final year of his 15-year prison sentence. Chen Lantao, 30, a marine biologist, is serving an 18-year prison sentence for mak-

ing a pro-democracy speech and blocking traf-fic during the Tianamnen movement. A physicist named Liu Gang, 31, serving a six-year sentence for joining in the pro-democ-

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TIME OUT IN BEAUNE - Chancellor Helmut Kohl, right, taking a stroll Tuesday with President François Mitterrand in the Burgundy wine center during their semianno-

al talks. The French prime minister, Edonard Balladur, also met with Mr. Kohl. The talks dealt with issues of Bosnia, trade problems and recent strains in Germany. Page 2.

Europe's Auto Industry Tries to Turn a Corner

Mannesmann Hopes High-Tech Parts Can Transform Cars, and Its Profit

By Brandon Mitchener

These days, for all the dilutes also to the composition of the throaty hum at the motor awful place for those who challeage the Composition at VDO Adolf Schindling AG is the sweet sound of success.
It means the company's fuel injection, cruise

control and other engine management systems meet the demands of a car industry that is increasingly relying on the marriage of mechanical and electronic components to bolster per-

And for Mannesmann AG, a former coal and steel giant that bought VDO in 1991 as it diversified into auto parts, the motor's hum is

the sound of survival. Mannesmann is betting that cars of the fu-ture will be defined as much by the harmony of their electronic motor management, dashboard

information, telecommunications and naviga-tion systems as by their engines, brakes and

The company is struggling to become one of a few global players in the new technology, racing to shed itself of Germany's rusting in-

Starting Over Restructuring businesses and economies

Seventh In a series of articles dustrial past and embrace the post-industrial

future as a diversified technology group. Rettled by the worst recession in Germany in half a century, German industrial and engineering companies such as Mannesmann AG and Thyssen AG are shedding manufacturing staff

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Renault Wipes Out Years of Deficits With a New Idea: Please the Customer

By Jacques Neher

PARTS - In the fail of 1986. Renault called oews conference to announce that it had formulated a new commercial policy: ' now on at Renault," its officials declared, "the customer is always right; the customer is king."

The idea seemed strange, if not incompre-hensible, to the assembled French journalists, who had come to regard the giant state-owned carmaker more as a showcase for French social policy than as a company whose role was to supply products and services that filled and anticipated customer needs.

But seven years later, the market-oriented policy initiated by Reoault's chairmao, Georges Besse — who was assassinated by terrorists in November 1986, only a few weeks after that news conference - and reinforced by his successor, Raymond Levy, and the current

ehairman, Louis Schweitzer has clearly taken

Today, Renault stands out as a major French company that has restructured oot only by drastically reducing its break-even point but drastically reducing its break-even point also by overcoming an ingrained cultural bias that respected the engineer more than the consumer. In the process, it learned how to meet new standards for products, quality and service in a global marketplace.

This corporate-culture revolution is given much of the credit for the improvement in the company's fortunes that has made Renault one of the top prospects for selling off to investors in the oew French government's privatization

program this fall. a living cadaver," said Paul Horne, an econo-

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Economies Are Facing 'Alarming' **Jobless Rise**

OECD Sees 36 Million Unemployed by End of Year Amid Stagnation

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS—A forecast of an "alarming" rise in unemployment this year will confroot senior government officials Wednesday at the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economie Cooperation and Development

The number of unemployed people is expected to soar to almost 36 million this year in the 24 OECD countries, from 32.5 million at the end of last year. Even that, the OECD secretariat said, will understate the severity of the problem. Many more, it said, have settled for part-time work against their will or simply

ahandoned the joh hunt as "futile."

[A senior OECD official warned Tuesday that rising unemployment in the industrial world could trigger a "social explosion," Reuters reported. "My deep concern is that if we
don't deal scriously with this problem, there
will be a sudden buildup of social and political
pressure," the official, who asked not to be
identified, said at a briefing.}
Meanwhile, this year's growth forecasts for
the major industrial countries are still being
revised downward. An unturn is still foreseen

revised downward. An upturn is still foreseen for oext year -- but then, one has been forecast for the past three years as well.

Economic output in Europe is likely to contract by 0.3 percent this year before rebounding to a growth rate of 1.8 percent in 1994, according to the OECD's forecasts. Projected output growth of the OECD group as a whole for this year has been scaled back to 1.2 percent, from 1.5 percent. The United States is expected to grow hy 2.6 percent and Japan hy 1.0 percent.

On the employment front, Europe - with Germany and France just entering recession— remains the hardest hit. There, overall unem-ployment, at 10 percent of the labor force last year, is expected to reach 11.4 percent this year and 11.9 percent next year, according to figures released Tuesday.

Unemployment among young people in Europe is running at 18 percent, according to the new data, with rates of more than 20 percent in France, Italy, Finland and Ireland, and more than 30 percent in Spain.

For the UECD hadons as a whole, the reper says, the jobless rate will rise from 7.9 percent in 1992 to 8.5 percent this year and 8.6 percent

The OECD secretariat, charged at last year's

meeting to study the reasons for the failure to reduce unemployment and look for solutions, will present an interim report on its two-year study. Among the eight recommendations it makes, only one is likely to prove controversial: wage flexibility — with respect to industries, occupations, qualifications or regions — as a means of widening joh opportunities.

The secretariat, in its annual studies of the When Besse took over in 1985, Renault was economies of individual countries, has long railed against high minimum-wage levels in See GRIM, Page 12

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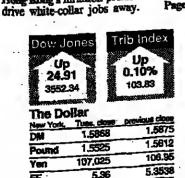
Guatemala Leader Forced to Resign

President Jorge Serrano Elias of Guatema-la was forced out by the military Tuesday, a week after decreeing emergency measures that drew global condemnation. The defense minister, General José Garcia Domingo Samayoa, is to be interim head of state. Page 8.

General News

Spain's Socialists are upbeat after Felipe González's showing in the final pre-election

Australia imposed restrictions on Northwest Airlines flights. Page 13. Brifish Aerospace is selling its corporate jets business to Raytheon Co. Hong Kong's inflation pressures are likely to Page 16.





DEADLY GAME — A teenage Bosnian boy having shrapnel removed from his leg Tuesday in Sarajevo, where the shelling of a soccer match killed 11 people. Page 2.

Riots Galvanize Turks to Seek a Say in Germany

By Marc Fisher

Washington Post Service

BERLIN — After three nights of rioting io
the German city where oec-Nazi youths killed five Turks in an arson attack, the country's Turkish minority, long seen but not heard, has burst into public consciousness with peaceful protest, violent disturbances and angry demands for change.

Io Solingen, where the police said Tuesday that they were searching for four skinhead youths who set Saturday's deadly fire, Turkish youths Tuesday night began a fourth night of vandalism and cries for vengeance. Shopkeep-ers planned to sleep in their stores to guard against new attacks, while the police said they expected renewed violence.

Throughout Germany, Turkish bu academics and workers called for strikes, boycotts and demonstrations to send the message that a long-silent community of 1.8 million people, Germany's largest minority group, wants protection from far-right extremists and recognitioo as citizens.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's govern-ment appealed to Turks to act peacefully, but warned that the state cannot provide absolute protection. The government also rejected efforts by Turks and many German politicians to use the Solingen firebombing as a catalyst to revise the country's restrictive citizenship law. Early Tuesday, the Federal Criminal Office

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said it was searching for four more skinheads

Libyan Enrages Israelis By 'Free Jerusalem' Call

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
JERUSALEM — The leader of a Libyan Muslim pligrimage to Jerusalem stunned Israelis on Tuesday by calling for the "liberation" of the city from Israeli sovereignty and suggesting that it be made the capital of

a Palestinian state.

The pilgrimage had been welcomed by israelis on Monday as a sign of a possible easing in the bostility of the Libyan leader, Moanunar Gadhafi. The 198 pilgrims had refrained from political remarks during their first day in Israel, and some government ministers speculated that the visit might be the first step toward establishing relations

But the nice words vanished Tuesday morning, when Daw Salem Tajouri, leader of the delegation, called a press conference at the luxury hotel where the pilgrims were put up overnight.

"On this occasion we call on all Muslims in this world to participate in liberating Jerusalem, which ought to be the capital of a Palestinian state," he said. "Our presence in Jerusalem does not mean in any way a recognition of Israel, for to us certainly it is

The pilgrims applauded. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who had greeted the visitors at the Egyptian border, announced he was severing all ties with the pilgrimage, the first of its kind from a rejectionist Arah state. "Every believer has the right to fulfill the commandments of his faith, but this can't be done at the expense of Israeli sovereignty," he said, adding that the pilgrims had received "directives to be extreme."

"I am embarrassed that my government

invites here people who want to destroy Israel," said Limor Livnat, an opposition Likud member of parliament. Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin

aid, "What they said was horrible." But he added that they would not be expelled be-cause that would undercut Israel's pledge to allow peoples of all faiths to worship in Israeli radio reported Tuesday that the

Libyans would cut short their visit and leave the country on Wednesday, but that they were not being forcibly ejected.

Israeli officials speculated that Colonel Gadhafi permitted the pilgrimage in a bid to ease his international isolation. Libva is under United Nations sanctions because it has refused to turn over two men suspected of involvement in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland in 1988.

The Libyans' visit had drawn complaints from Palestinians. Israel's closure of the occupied territories has barred many Palestinians from visiting Jerusalem and praying at Al Aqsa Mosque, a Muslim holy site. The Palestinians said that by visiting Jerusalem the Libyans were acknowledging Israeli sovereignty over the city.

In German Town in Paraguay, Indelible Memories of a Death Camp Doctor

By James Brooke

New York Times Service

HOHENAU, Paraguay — Using the early morning light to help her fading vision, Michline Reynaers sat recently in a sunny corner of the Hand Timb here beginning scales for a orandthe Hotel Tirol here, knitting socks for a grand-

"Everyone in 10wn talked about how well he played the piano," the 72-year-old hotel keeper recalled, speaking in German of the courteous, mustachioed visitor who patronized her restaurant in 1959. "I was introduced to him as Mr.

One year after genetic testing conclusively confirmed that Josef Mengele had died in Brazil in 1979, memories seem to be sharpening in Hohenau, Paragnay, about the Auschwitz doc-

An international fugitive after Nazi Germany collapsed in 1945, Mengele lived openly in this German-speaking enclave before moving

Of the 37 German farming colonies in Para-guay, there was more to make a Nazi fugitive feel at home to Hohenau than the Hotel Tirol, a nostalgic Alpine transplant built with low eaves

and peaked roofs to shed a snow that never fell in this remote corner of South America. "Around 1936 and later, the boys and young men began wearing the brown shirts," Ottmar Krug, now 72, recalled over a stein of cold beer

at a main street calc. "We marched to the goosestep. We sang the party's songs. We used the swastika as a symbol. We were a proud German colony."

Hohenau's Nazi sympathies attracted so much attention in World War II that American diplomats pressed Paragnayan officials to turn

the town into a loose detention camp for Nazi leaders from around the country. Signs were posted at the town entrances stating that the city was a closed camp and the

people could not leave," Mr. Krug continued in German, "I remember when Roosevelt died, everybody in Hohenan celebrated because he was an enemy of Germany."

Arriving in 1959, the Auschwitz doctor felt sufficiently at ease to live under his name in this town, which is 10 miles (16 bilometers) from the Argentine border and 100 miles from the Bra-

During the previous decade, he had lived in Argentina, apparently under an assumed name. But Paraguay in 1959 was ruled by General Alfredo Stroessner, a rightist dictator who was the son of an immigrant German brewer.

"Mengele lived with my uncle Alban," Mr. Krug said of an uncle who had a farmhouse in Hohenau. "Mengele told everyone that he had a wife and children and came to Hohenau to see

Robert Dietzte, now 67, agreed, saying: "I knew him as Herr Mengele. He didn't try to

hide his identity. Later, when we found out about his past, we were shocked."

Beneath the guise of the pleasant family doctor, the Auschwitz "Angel of Death" was evidently nervous about his hidden past. At the concentration camp, Mengele conducted gruesome genetic experiments on thousands of inmates and sent 400,000 more to the gas cham-

Uncle Alban said that Mengele repeatedly told him that they would never catch him See MENGELE, Page 8

Cosic Out as Belgrade Hard-Liners Consolidate Power

BELGRADE - President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia assumed total control of the country Tuesday after the Yugoslav president, Dobrica Cosic, was ousted in a par-

With this purge Milosevic has assumed full responsibility for future developments in the region." said Branislav Milosevic, a Belgrade political analyst.

The federal parliament voted to Serbian leader Vojislav Seselj and remove Mr. Cosie summarily from

dating Mr. Milosevic's grip on

"Milosevic is now firmly in the saddle over the army with a free rein in a lawless country," said Milos Vasic, editor of the independent Belgrade weekly Vreme. "He can do whatever he likes, he is alone on

Parliament's decision also underlined the influence of the radical dispelled speculation of a rift with

Diplomatic sources said the joint move against Mr. Cosic by Mr. Milosevie's Socialist Party and Mr. Seselj's Serbian Radical Party ended a recent fiction of a split.

"It was just another whitewash job to show the West that Milosevic is a peacemaker in a hostile nationalist environment," one analyst

The two Danish peacekeepers

were killed as their 12-truck convoy

was carrying food to the northern

Bosnian town of Maglaj. They were

unloading supplies when shells landed at the mouth of a tunnel an

the road south of Maglaj, the UN

Maglaj, a town with a majority of Muslims, is held by Muslim and Croatian fighters. Bosnia's rebel

Serbs frequently shell the town and

south.
UN and European Community

officers said Tuesday that there was still a remote chance that one

or more of the three Italians report-

ed to have been killed by gummen in central Bosnia on Saturday may

A five-man Italian civilian team

in two private food aid trucks was

ambushed on the main route for international aid sent to belea-

guered communities in central and

northern areas from the coastal

The trucks were not part of an official UN convoy and were not escorted by UN troops. They were carrying aid from an Milan-based

organization called Fruit and Seed.

Twn civilian aid relief drivers said that they had managed to hide

after the shooting and later re-

turned to the scene where they

found their three colleagues' bod-

ies. But Claes Skat-Rordam, a Danish EC monitor, said Tuesday

that observers could not be certain

they were killed "because we don't

France and Britain said Tnesday

that they hoped to push through the UN Security Council this week

a resolution allowing peacekeepers

to use force to protect Muslim safe

The British foreign secretary,

Douglas Hurd, stopping in Paris en route to monitor sanctions against

Serbia, told reporters that the safe-

area policy was working but need-

ed a Security Council resolution to

it needs a Security Council resolu-

tion, it needs a degree of agreement on the ground and it needs a rein-

forcement in troops prepared by the secretary-general," Mr. Hurd

said after meeting the French for-

cign minister, Alain Juppé. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

Moscow to Shun

Latvian Elections

MOSCOW - Russia said Tues-

day it was turning down an invita-

non to send observers to elections

in Latvia this Saturday and Sunday

because most Russian residents in

the former Soviet republic would

A Foreign Ministry spokesman

Sergei Yasuzhembsky, said at a news briefing that a third of the

people in the Baltic country, mostly

Russians but also migrants from

other former Soviet republics, had

because they cannot meet strict

rules, including mastery of the Lat-

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not be able to vote.

been ruled ineligible.

vian language.

"In order to be fully operational,

still be alive.

town of Split.

have a corpse."

be fully effective.

its only approach road from the

end the civil war in Bosnia.

Mr. Seselj's role was to ensure that the hard-line nationalist agen-da remained in the forefront. "He also serves as a buffer against opposition in Serbia but also a weap-on to see that Montenegro toes the line," an opposition leader said.

Mr. Milosevic has won back the freedom of action that he lost a Analysts said Mr. Milosevic year ago when conflicts in Croatia might still try to project a more and Bosnia and the imposition of

Mr. Milosevic supported a UN peace plan for Bosnia that Bosnian

Backstage negotiations are being held to normalize relations with the former Yugoslav republic of to stage a coup.

José Maria Aznar moments before the opening of his second debate with Felipe González.

González, in Crucial Debate,

Lifts Socialist Party Spirits

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service

performance by Prime Minister Felipe González

would doom its chances of victory in Sunday's

general elections, Spain's Socialist Party breathed a loud sigh of relief when the final televised debate

of the campaign ended early Tuesday. Having been handily defeated in last week's first

debate, Mr. González came out fighting from the first bell this time and, in the opinion of indepen-

dent commentators and Spanish newspapers,

scored a clear victory over his conservative chal-

But it was a decisive result only in the sense that Socialist leaders were resigned to defeat on Sunday

if the prime minister had again failed to present his

case forcefully. It is unclear, though, whether his

more articulate performance will now tip the bal-

With publication of opinion polls banned dur-ing the week before the elections, the final set of poll results released last weekend showed Mr.

Aznar's Popular Party marginally ahead of the

Socialists. But they said that 15 percent to 17

The polls also confirmed what has been appar-

ent since the elections were called on April 12:

neither of the country's mainstream parties will win an absolute majority in the 350-member lower

house of parliament, making formation of a coali-tion government almost inevitable after June 6.

During the final days of campaigning, bowever,

public attention is focused on whether the next

government will be headed by Mr. González, 51,

who has been prime minister since 1982, or by Mr. Aznar, whn is 40 and has served as the conservative

And because many Spaniards feel they are

choosing between politicians more than policies,

Spain's first-ever televised campaign debates took

on unusual significance, giving voters the chance

to measure the two men as they went head-to-bead

During the first debate, Mr. Aznar showed him-

Paris Aims for 'Zero Immigration'

percent of the voters were still undecided.

lenger, José Maria Aznar.

ance in favor of the Socialists.

leader for just four years.

MADRID - Convinced that another lackluster

office on Monday night, consoli- Mr. Milosevic, his mentor and prodating Mr. Milosevic's grip on tector world, particularly over efforts to Mr. Cosic's appointment as presiof UN troops on its border with dent of rump Yugoslavia, compris-ing Serbia and Montenegro.

Serbia. Mr. Cosie's role in these moves was not yet clear.

It appeared that Mr. Cosic, 72, a well-known author and academic Serbs, egged on by Mr. Seseli, rejected. Mr. Cosic sided with Mr. er Serbia, dug his own political Milosevic but later seemed to back grave when he decided to sound the feelings of the Yugoslav Army leadership.

This prompted Mr. Seselj to ac-Croatia and Mr. Milosevic wants cuse him of encouraging the army

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Rutskoi Attacks Yeltsin as a Liar

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi branded President Borts N. Yeltsin a liar on Tuesday and said the Russian

parliament must remove his government within two months.

Mr. Rutskoi, already stripped of his key posts by Mr. Yeltsin, charged that the president was proclaiming success while running Russia. The Grame for debate and criticism has passed. We cannot allow events to continue on their present course even for two or three more months," he said in his strongest public criticism yet of his former ally. "The president allows himself to lie. Consequently, the government allows itself to lie."

he told a meeting of regional deputies. But Mr. Yeltsin, on a provincial tour, said he would brook no drawn-out resistance and insisted that a special constitutional assembly, due to convene Saturday, must agree on a new constitution by June 16.

Mexico Arrests 2 in Cardinal's Death

GUADALAJARA, Mexico (Reuters) - The Mexican police have arrested two men in Tijuana on suspicion of involvement in the drug-related slaying here last week of a Roman Catholic cardinal.

The two, Juan Vascones Hernandez and Ramon Torres Mendez, were

said in have admitted they had been hired by the Tijuana drug cartel to kill the leaders of the rival Sinaloa cartel, according to the attorney

Mexican authorities say Cardinal Juan Posadas Ocampo, archbishop of Guadalajara, was killed by mistake in a shoot-out at the city airport after gummen confused his car with that of the Sinalos cartel's leader.

Communist in Italy Scandal is Freed

MILAN (AP) - Primo Greganti, the first Communist official arrested in Italy's political corruption scandal, has been released after three

Judges in Milan reported that Mr. Greganti was freed Monday night when the term of preventive detention expired, but he is still under investigation in connection with a Swiss bank account that contains 600

The arrest of Mr. Greganti was an embarrassment to his party, which ried to project an image of honesty in a political scene best by scandal.

Other former Communists have since been taken into custody, as hundreds of leading politicians and businessmen have been arrested or are under investigation on corruption charges, largely over illegal payments to receive public works contracts.

For the Record

Angola's rebel movement, UNITA, said it would not attack foreign oil companies despite its seizure of the northern oil base in Soyo two weeks ago. "UNITA will not try to attack targets that are not directly involved in the conflict," the rebel radio, monitored in of São Tumé and Principe, said Tuesday. It also said 20 Angolan soldiers were killed there in two

TRAVEL UPDATE

Beach Water Quality Dips in France

PARIS (AFP) — The quality of seawater and fresh-water beaches deteriorated in 1992 in France, Health Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy and Environment Minister Michel Barnier said.

Presenting their annual report on the cleanliness of bathing water, they said there was a 6 percent decline in seawater quality and a 2.7 percent They hlamed heavy rains and storms that washed pollutants into the

waters, but also delays by resorts in investing in sewage-treatment plants. Museums in Florence will be open free from 9 P.M. to midnight Wednesday in a tribute to the five people killed last week in the bombing of the Uffizi Gallery. Visitors will be asked to donate what would have been entrance fees to a fund for the victims.

A shark off a Hong Kong beach attacked and killed a 42-year-old man while he was swimming Tuesday, the police said. (Reuters)

Tighter security at Manile sirport to protect foreign businessmen and tourists from criminal gangs was ordered by President Fidel V. Ramos on

Emirates Airlines, based in Dubai, will start flights to Oman next month after the governments that own the regional carrier, Gulf Air, lifted a ban on the airline that is challenging their monopoly. The airline said Tuesday that, as of July I, it would operate four flights a week to the Oman capital, Muscat, its 32d destination.

(Reuters)

Mitterrand-Kohl Talks Ease Some Differences

Agence France-Preise

BEAUNE. France - Prime Minister Edonard Balladur of France said Tuesday that Paris and Bonn had narrowed differences over the stalled GATT world trade

talks in the opening session of French-German summit talks here. The meeting brought President François Mitterrand of France and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to this Burgundy wine center. in central France. Their talks papered over tensions between Bonn and Paris on a number of policy

questions, including Bosnia and European unity issues. It was the first meeting between the two European leaders since the French conservatives won a land-

slide victory in March. A spokesman for Mr. Balladur,

Bernard Brigouleix, talked of a "breakthrough" but said be did not want to exaggerate the talks.

Mr. Balladur, who also talked with Mr. Kohl about the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade issues, added that negotiations had "advanced," with Germany showing a new interest in a French pro-

to sectors besides agriculture. Paris had angered Bonn by op-

posing an agreement on agriculture

reached in December between the EC and the U.S. Germany, pushed by its industri-

al lobby, favors a quick conclusion to the negotiations. Ouestioned after the opening session on the trade and tariff talks, Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Kohl

agreed that agriculture was "only one subject among others." Mr. Mitterrand's spokesman,

Jean Musitelli, said the two had also "reaffirmed the need to advance European construction in a determined fashion," ending months of treading water over ties.

On Bosnia, the spokesman said Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Kohl considered "the need to prevent further massacres" was the priority.

In spite of their political differences, Mr. Mitterrand, a Socialist, and Mr. Balladur, a neo-Gaullist, worked closely together to prepare the summit meeting, their aides said, with Mr. Balladur emphasiz-ing that France should "show

coherent face" to other countries. A senior French official here admitted: There will undoubtedly be less friction among the French del-egation than with the Germans." Mr. Mitterrand, Mr. Kohl and

Mr. Balladur will continue their talks at breakfast.

longer wants to be one because it can no longer afford posal to extend GATT agreements reported from Copenhagen. They said there should be more control over immi-

PARIS — France's new center-right government intends to halt immigration, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said in an interview printed Tuesday.

"Because of the seriousness of our economic situation and drugs is due to illegal immigrants."

tion, the target we aim for is 'zero immigration,' " he Moscow complains that many Russians in Latvia, which used to "Obviously, the idea of 'zero immigrants' is imposbe part of the czarist empire and in 1940 was occupied by the Soviet Union, have been disenfranchised

sible because our economy may need this or that category of foreign workers," he said. "But no new immigration is what we would like."

European Community immigration ministers agreed here Tuesday to empower the police to carry out more checks an suspected illegal immigrants and the ministers are the community of the community immigration ministers agreed here Tuesday to empower the police to carry out more checks an suspected illegal immigrants and the ministers are the community of the community immigration ministers agreed here Tuesday to empower the police to carry out more checks an suspected illegal immigrants and the community immigration ministers agreed here Tuesday to empower the police to carry out more checks an agreed here Tuesday to empower the police to carry out more checks an agreed here the carry out more checks and the carry of the ca

to." Mr. Pasqua added. But political refugees will continue to be welcome, he said. The interior minister making immigration into France more difficult.

Many people in France believe a that a rise in street crime and drugs is due to illegal immigrants.

self to be both better prepared and more aggressive, using every opportunity to dwell on Spain's economic crisis — 22 percent unemployment ac-

companied by negative economic growth -as well

as on several corruption scandals involving the

Monday night, however, Mr. González was more skilled in exposing the "vagueness" of the conser-

varive answers to the country's problems and in

warning that a rightist victory would threaten the "progress" achieved during a decade of Socialist

Rather than having each candidate answer ques-

tions, the format also permitted a true debate, with

the two men sitting opposite each other and improvising arguments, rarely interrupted by the mediator. The program, which lasted two hours 45 min-

utes, had an audience of 10 million, close to half

A telephone poll carried out after the debate for

the dailies Diario 16 and ABC, said 48.4 percent of

500 people surveyed felt that Mr. González won,

34.1 percent gave Mr. Aznar the victory and the

rest were undecided. A similar poll last week gave

Mr. Aznar the advantage by an equivalent margin.

Political experts believe the variables in the election boil down essentially to one question: Which party do most voters think is best able to lift

Spain out of its economic slump? And if the

answer is not obvious, it is because both parties are

"If Aznar could win last week and González

won yesterday, it is because the programmatic

differences between them are minimal," the oppo-sition newspaper, El Mundo, wrote Tuesday.

"Anyone who wants to bet on a different model

should look elsewhere: perhaps in a clinic in Barco-

In other words, among the four national parties and half-dozen regional parties running candi-

dates Sunday, the only one offering a truly differ-ent program is the Communist-led United Left. Its

leader, Julio Anguita, is in a Barcelona hospital

recovering from a heart attack.

the electorate.

While Mr. Aznar used the same arguments

■ Tighter EC Regulations Planned

European Community immigration ministers ingory of foreign workers, he said. Sut no new out more checks nn suspected illegal immigrants and in relax rules nn repatriating those found to be living in EC nations without permits, The Associated Pressures it can be living and the relax rules nn repatriating those found to be living in EC nations without permits, The Associated Pressures it can be lived as the relax rules of the rules of the

spoke a day before a cabinet discussion aimed at making immeration into France more difficult based on marriage or family reunification.

GERMANY: Slayings in Solingen Galvanize Turks to Demand Change

suspected of starting the Solingen fire; one youth was arrested earlier. But prosecutors said Tuesday night that they had been given a false lead and no longer considered the youths as On the neat, quiet street in Solingen where

Durmus Genc raised five children and four grandchildren - four of whom died in Saturday's attack - a banner read, "Born Here, Burned Here." "There are reasons we have reached this

point," said Temel Altay, a German-born Turk who works in a Solingen travel agency. "We are Italians, Turks, Greeks," he contin-

ued. "We helped build the infrastructure here. The German government always says Auslander, Ausländer. These are not foreigners, but fellow citizens, I find the violence wrong, but there is a point beyond which people cannot be Turks in several cities took to the streets in

largely peaceful protests that sometimes erupted into vandalism and confrontations with the police. In the Ruhr industrial region near Solingen, Turkish adults, some of them the fathers of youths arrested in the first two nights of violence, blockaded major highways during morning rush bour, demanding that their sons be released from enstody.

Mr. Kohl, who flew to France on Tuesday for previously scheduled consultations with President François Mitterrand, issued a written statement deploring the attack and calling on

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Germans to fight discrimination against for-

Mr. Kohl devoted most of his statement however, to a stern warning to Turks and other foreigners not to answer violence with violence. He warned what he called "small groups of Turkish fanatics" not in use the attack as a pretext "to light out internal political differences from their own country in street battles here in Germany." Some of the clashes in Solingen this weekend were between rival Turkish political factions.

German reporters were asking why Turkey's prime minister had been on German television every day since the Solingen attack, while Mr.

Kohl had not appeared once.

The chancellor has given written statements," said Dieter Vogel, a government spokesman, "and even in this television age, in which we certainly live, such statements are sufficient. Such statements can be read by oth-.

The government strategy is to portray the Solingen fire as a police matter rather than a political issue, a Kohl adviser said.

In that vein, the Frankfurter Allgemeine daily, a strong supporter of the Christian Demo-

But many Turks see Solingen as a turning point in their effort to win acceptance in a country that imported them more than a generation ago to do menial jobs.

"Turks can no longer imagine a life in Germany without self-determination," Turkish businessmen and intellectuals wrote in a frontpage appeal in a Berlin newspaper. "The politicians in Bosm believe empty words and gestures of sympathy will again placate the people's sadness, anger and disappointment. They underestimate the gravity of the situation."

By law and by practice, Turks are excluded from much of German society. They may become citizens only after long residency, stiff fees, and language and acculturation tests. Be-tween 1977 and 1990, only 13,000 Turks met the requirements for German citizenship,

Turks pay German taxes, but are largely prohibited from holding civil service jobs. They have limited rights to own property and face restrictive quotas in German universities. Contact between Germans and Turks is limited: 4.400 German-Turkish marriages were recorded in 1991.

Turkey's ambassador in Boun, Onur Oymen, said Germany must grant Turks double citizenship to free them from feeling like "second-

Similarly, a group of Tarkish businessmen and intellectuals appealed to the Kohl govern-ment to ease the German citizenship law, one of

Chancellor Won't Attend **Memorial Rite**

BONN - President Richard von Weizsäcker will attend memorial rites Thursday for five Turks who died in an arson attack, his office said Tuesday, but Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl will not be there.

Mr. von Weizsäcker will speak at a service in a Cologne mosque for the two women and three children who died in nearby Solingen when their house was hit by a fire bomb.

Chancellor Kohl will not attend the Cologne ceremony or another service earlier in the day in Solingen. The cabinet will be represented by Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and In-terior Minister Rudolf Seiters.

Asked why Mr. Kohl would not attend, a spokesman said the presence of two cabinet ministers would be appropriate representation Mr. Kinkel will fly to Tur-

key on Priday for burial of the

At Least 11 Die as Mortar Fire Hits Soccer Crowd in Sarajevo he added, "people will gather and live their lives normally." the disarming of government soldiers. That allowed the Serbs to Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches live their lives normally.

gloom. In the eastern Muslim en-

clave of Gorazde, a ham radio op-

erator, Mustafa Kurtovic, reported

that the "ground is shaking" from explosions, and that heavy fighting

was going on.
UN nificials said food supplies,

crowding and sanitation in one

UN-declared safe area, Srehrenica,

were so bad that some refugees were risking a 50-mile walk across

Serb-controlled territory to the

laid the attack on Gorazde tn inde-

cisiveness by the international

aged by the passivity of the world," said Mustafa Hajrulahovic, com-mander of an army corps. "These events are a direct result of the

decision on safe zones."

He said UN agreements made with the Serbs to disarm two of the

A top Bosnian military official

The Serbian units are encour-

government town of Tuzia.

Reports of battles in nurthern concentrate their firepower on

and eastern Bosnia added to the Gorazde he said.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - At least 11 persons were killed and about 80 were wounded Tuesday when mortar fire hit a crowd of people gathered for a soccer game in Sarajevo.

The attack was nne of the worst on civilians here since the "breadline massacre" nne year ago, when at least 16 people were killed while waiting on line fur hread.

Elsewhere, two Danish drivers were killed and four Danes were wounded when artillery fire hit their United Nations relief convoy in northern Bosnia, a UN spokesman said in Geneva.

The Bosnian radin had warned Sarajevo residents that besieging Serbs might launch an attack on the Muslim holy day of Kurban Bayram, when Muslims in Sarajevo were off work. About 200 residents had gathered in the morning on a field near the airport to play or

watch some pick-up soccer. "It wasn't a very good idea," Sead Bajrie said as he lay in a field safe areas in eastern Bosnia, Sre-hospital with a wounded leg. But, hrenica and Zepa, had resulted in

a prime minister from the party

were the former Communists.

Walesa Wants Sept. 12 Ballot WARSAW (AP) - President

Lech Walesa on Tuesday proposed Sept. 12 fnr parliamentary elec-tions, and said he would nominate that gets the most votes, even if it

His date will not be final until he consults the State Elections Com-He also signed a law to limit the

1991, creating to an atmosphere of instability. Experts expect the new

number of parties that make it into parliament. Under the previous rules, more than 20 parties were admitted to parliament in October

"As president I very much wish for Poland to mature and for the center to win - the center which is the largest group and has the most instability. Experts expect the new to propose," Mr. Walesa said. "But law to result in a parliament with 5 if the nation chooses the left wing. to 10 parties.

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cratic government, published a front-page editorial Tnesday calling on the state to "take responsibility for domestic peace and law and order by moving energetically against violent demonstrators such as the Turks in Solingen. Violence cannot be justified, even by anger and outrage," the newspaper wrote.

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With Focus in Senate, Pressure's on Bentsen

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen vigorously thrust himself onto center stage of the budget bartle last week, lining up a majority of House Democrats from Texas for President Bill and the stage of the budget bartle and the stage of the budget bartle and the bartle of the budget bartle of th Clinton's economic plan, buttonholing and cajoling pivotal senators, tearing into opponents at a news conference and giving loads of advice to the White House.

Probably the best paoof that he was in the thick of things was the photograph taken in the Oval Office last Thursday night; a beaming Mr. Bentsen stood between Mr. Clinton and Vice President Al Gore as they talked by telephone to the House speaker, Thomas S. Foley,

as they maked by reaphone to the mouse speaker, a nomes a rosey, after the House approved the plan by a margin of six votes.

But now that the focus turns to the Senate, the pressure on Mr. Bentsen is sure to mount. Mr. Clinton tapped the 72-year-old Texan for the cabinet with much hoopla about how his 22 years in the Senate, and especially his six years as chairman of the Finance Committee there, would ensure smooth spiling for the economic Committee there, would ensure smooth sailing for the economic

package.

Even though the Senate will not formally take up the legislation for another week, Mr. Bentsen and his lieutenants have already felt grattled by questions about why his legislative savvy has not been enough to steer the plan clear of congressional dangers.

"Certainly, Bentsen hasn't been the front man as we expected him to be," said Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "That's the historical role of the Treasury secretary, and we were led to believe he was appointed to play that role."

Mr. Bentsen declined to be interviewed, aides said, partly because of concerns that he would appear defensive. But his supporters in the

of concerns that he would appear defensive. But his supporters in the administration and in Congress said in interviews that the president's economic package ran into trouble not because of Mr. Bentsen, but because of unpopular parts of the plan and because of the White House's failure to do a better job of selling it.

Indeed, one Treasury official attributed some of Mr. Clinton's

problems to his failure to heed all of Mr. Bentsen's advice. When several conservative Democrats proposed a scaled-down version of the president's \$19 billion economic stimulus package, the Treasury secretary arged a compromise. His advice was rejected, and the legislation went down in defeat. (NYT)

in N.Y. Mayoral Race, the P-Word Rises Again

NEW YORK -A dispute over the use of the word "pogrom" has once again focused the New York City mayoral race on the 1991

disturbances in Brooklyn's Crown Heights.

The dispute began on Sunday in a television interview when Rudolph W. Ginliani, the Republican-Liberal candidate, called the three days in which unruly mobs of black youths assaulted Jews a

It was not the first time Mr. Giuliani has used the term — it was included in a speech in December — nor was it the first time he has harshly criticized the Dinkins administration's handling of the Crown Heights unrest.

Crown Heights unrest.

This time Mayor David N. Dinkins, who has been dogged by questions from Jewish groups about whether he held the police back during the disturbances, reacted more forcefully.

"A pogrom," Mr. Dinkins said Sunday afternoon, "Is to me, by definition, state-sanctioned, and this was clearly not state-sanctioned. And to suggest the difficulties in Crown Heights were somehow or other done with the sanction of the police is not only inaccurate but if does a disservice to an applullet of coops and a lot of inaccurate but it does a disservice to an awful lot of cops and a lot of good people who were out there working, trying to keep the calm."

Mr. Giuliani did not back off his comments Monday.

"I have used that word for 18 or 19 months," he said. "You can use

any word that you want, but in fact for three days people were beaten up, people were sent to the hospital, because they were Jewish, Let's not run away from the reality of what happened. There is no question that not enough was done about it by the City of New York." (NYT)

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"I think Clinton has been done in by the ghost of Ronald Reagan," said Benjamin Ginsberg, a political scientist at Johns Hopkins University. "The core of Reagansian really led to the development of the enormous federal deficit, which then constrained all the possibilities for Reagan's successors." (LAT)

Away From Politics

● A man who plunged more than 3,000 feet down an icy gully was the first climber to die this year on Mount McKinley, National Park Service officials said. Charles Cearley, 40, of Seattle, fell from the 18,500-foot (5,633-meter) level of the 20,320-foot mountain, the tallest in North America.

• The ex-wife of the inventor of the computer microprocessor is swing for royalties from his patent, which industry analysts estimate could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. Priscilla Hyatt Maystead contends in a lawsuit in California Superior Court that some of Gilbert Hyatt's work was done while they were married. They were divorced about 17 years ago.

• The navy is reviewing a Minnesota woman's allegations that she was dismissed from advanced pilot training after filing a sexual harassment complaint against s flight instructor. Ensign Rebecca Hansen's case is being reviewed by the secretary of the navy, who could order that she be allowed to resume flight training.

 A day passed with no new cases reported of a fatal, flu-like illness, New Mexico authorities said. But the death toll from the disease has risen to 11 in northern Arizona and New Mexico as researchers have ferreted out an earlier case that matches criteria established for the disorder, now known as unexplained respiratory distress syndrome. Operators of 34 nuclear reactors have been warned by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the instruments they use to measure the level of water in the reactors could give a false reading during routine shutdowns and fail to detect important leaks.

• The first tropical depression of the Atlantic lauricane season formed in the northwest Caribbean, and forecasters said it could bring nearly a foot of rain to parts of Florida. The disturbance has already brought two days of rain to Cuba and south Florida. Its top winds of 30 mph (48 kilometers per hour) were not expected to Reuters, AP, LAT, NYT

Perot's Popularity Soars, but His Organization Unravels

By Stephen Engelberg and B. Drummond Ayres Jr.

New York Times Service DALLAS - Ross Perot's grass-roots political orgamization is in turnoil, riven by disputes that are beginning to cost it some of its most committed

Mr. Perot's personal popularity has never been higher, but morale in his organization, United We Stand America, is beginning to sag.

In many states, including those where Mr. Perot ran strongest in the 1992 election, there are bitter disputes about who will lead the local chapters of the group. There is also widespread disagreement over what role the organization should play on the national and local

Some volunteer leaders who were unstituting in their support of Mr. Perot last fall now voice stinging complaints that his Dallas-based aides are dictatorial,

They also contend that Mr. Perot is more interested in making speeches and television appearances and in signing up new members for the organization than in pushing ahead toward his oft-stated goal of forcing local, state and national politicians to exercise fiscal restraint and fend off special interests.

"If they ran a business the way they're running this thing, they'd be bankrupt," said Cindy Schultz, who recently resigned in frustration after serving for nearly a year as state coordinator in Wisconsin for United We Stand America.

Orson Swindle, who ran the Perot campaign in its final months and helped start the new organization, said: The problem is in the inability of the Perot staff to hear what the grass roots want to say. He encouraged everybody to he heard, and then didn't have the

capacity to listen."

Mr. Swindle, who resigned on Dec, 3 and has since joined Jack Kemp's group, said that while United We

secretive and duplications in their dealings with grass roots workers.

Stand may have its problems, the movement of dissaltion distribution of the increasingly public grumbling by once committed the increasingly public grumbling by once committed to the increasing away are wrong," he said.

Mr. Perot insists that the dissonance in United We Stand America comes from a few malcontents.

"What you have here," he said Friday in an interview with CBS, "is a tiny number of people who were in leadership positions at the local level, elected by their peers. And for one reason or another, their peers chose other leaders. And this tiny number of people go from television show to television show."

The dissidents contend that as the organization has hired paid state directors, the Dallas office has bypassed the more outspoken local leaders and has chosen people who will take orders. Arguments with beadquarters are inevitable in any organization, and should not automatically be grounds for dismissal,

Although none of Mr. Perot's advisers will say so,

political fact. "Those pundits who think this will go timing of Mr. Perot's latest televised assault on President Bill Clinton.

The assault effectively shifted attention from com-plaints within United We State America to the increasingly testy relations between Mr. Perot and Mr.

Several dissidents spoke on the NBC program "Dateline" several days ago. Preparation by ABC's "Nightline" for a program that was broadcast a few days ago prompted officials of United We Stand America to send a memorandum to state directors urging supporters in call the program's producers and reverse the "negative slant."

Soon after, Mr. Perot gave interviews to CBS, NBC, CNN, and PBS.

Mr. Perot's top aides acknowledge the problems but characterize them as the growing pains typical of any new organization.

U.S. Foreign Policy **Appears Blurred** By Mixed Signals

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher says he has never been happier.

Everyone who knows me well knows I'm having the time of my life," the 67-year-old lawyer said over lunch. "They're struck by how happy I seem to be in the jnh."

Yet, amid the Clinton administration's shifts and mixed signals on an array of foreign policies, Mr. Christopher sometimes seems like a man weighed down by the relentless grind of the jnh and uninterested in anything but the business of his immediate brief.

He is, by all accounts, one of President Bill Clinton's most trusted advisers. "It's more than a lawyer-client relationship," said George Stephanopoulos, the White House senior adviser, in describing Mr. Christopher's relationship with the president. "It's less than fatherson. If there is a gray eminence in this government, it is Warren Christopher. He serves as a counselor to the president, on more than just foreign policy."

He long ago won a reputation for poise and sure-footedness, but in recent weeks this picture has lost some of its focus.

First, the Europeans rejected the plan he peddled to send arms to the besieged Muslims of Bosnia. Then Mr. Clinton decided not to

take on the allies, forcing Mr. Christopher to shift gears and acand protect "safe havens" for Muslim civilians, an idea he had previously opposed on moral and mili-

Then, Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff, the State Depart-ment's No. 3, made nff-the-cuff remarks that the administration's decision to defer to Europe on Bosnia reflected a deliberate shift to a much-reduced model of American power, in which intervention would be the exception rather than the

Although some senior adminis-tration officials regarded Mr. Tarnoff's remarks as nothing more than an unvarnished articulation of America's current approach to the world, Mr. Christopher drew more attention to the matter by denouncing the remarks in a series of shootthe-messenger interviews.

"The president makes foreign policy and I make foreign policy and it is not made by other officers of the department nn matter how

valuable and effective they are," he said. And in an admission that he may not be fully aware of the go-ings on in his department. Mr. Christopher acknowledged that he "had nn idea" in advance of what

Mr. Tarnoff was going to say. The resulting confusion left many lawmakers, allies and political analysts recling over where the United States would be in the event of a crisis.

Because of Mr. Clinton's determination unt to become engulfed by foreign policy, he has taken what some senior officials describe as a two-tier approach to the world. On top there is Russia, where he is applauded for being just as en-gaged as he is on health care, seiz-ing on the problem and establishing a direction for supporting democracy and reform for the long

Below that there is the rest of the world, which Mr. Clinton largely delegates to his national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, and th Mr. Christopher.

The approach there has been largely to manage what the admin-istration inherited, to put a Clin-tonesque stamp on foreign policy in words, perhaps, but not yet in

During the campaign, for exam-ple, Mr. Clinton lacerated Presi-dent George Bush for failing to use trade as a lever to force China to improve its human-rights record, and in a speech delivered in Mr. Christopher's name in early May, Deputy Secretary of State Clifton Wharton Jr. called human rights

"the core of our foreign policy.
But last week, the administration granted the renewal of China's favorable trade status, deferring demands for progress on human rights until next year.

But the most dramatie illustration of the administration's willingness to bend is Bosnia. "It looks messy," said Stanley

Hnffman, chairman of the Center for European Studies at Harvard University, speaking of the admin-istration's lack of coordination on foreign-policy statements.
"Christopher is above all an ex-

cellent negotiator and diplnmat, he said, "but there is a difference between being a negotiator who carries out policy and setting policy. If the president is not the person who is setting the policy then one needs either in the NSC or in the State Department someone who can set the policy. There's kind of a

Silver Lining in Global Warming's Cloud

NEW FRIENDS - Mr. Clinton with visiting Romanian officers Tuesday before going to Milwaukee to stump for his budget plan.

New Look at Data Shows Balmier Nights, Winters and Springs

By Boyce Rensberger
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Global warming, which

has raised Earth's average air temperature by less than 1 degree Fahrenheit, or about a half degree centigrade, over the last century, is turning out to he relatively benign, scientists say. So

First, the effect has been to increase night-time lows rather than daytime highs. Also, there is evidence that, in the Northern Hemisphere, the warming is occurring mainly in the winter and spring, and less so in the autumn. In summer, when heat stress is hardest on living things and when ice caps melt, temperatures are no warmer than they were in the 1860s and

Moreover, the atmospheric phenomenon thought to account for the warming at night increased cloud cover — is probably caused by the warming itself and thus is likely to continue to moderate the effect as long as warming

continues by keeping day temperatures lower.

Those observations are the thrust of several reports being released Tuesday in the June issue of Research & Exploration, a journal of the of Research & Exploration, a journal of the National Geographic Society. Another article in the same journal, however, suggests that increased cloudiness is caused by fossil fuel pollution, which will gradually diminish.

"The popular vision of climate apocalypse is wrong," concluded Patrick J. Michaels, author of the proper patricities are the instance of the property of the pro

of the most optimistic report. He is Virginia's state climatologist and a professor at the University of Virginia.

He suggested that if the trend continued, one

significant effect could be to lengthen the grow-

The evidence of warmer nights is not so much a new discovery as a new appreciation of data that have been published many times in tables of numerical data. "But nobody," Mr. Michaels said, "ever pulled it together. It was there, waiting to be synthesized from the literature." Still, the varied views of global warning show that atmospheric scientists are still grap-

If the trend continues, one significant effect could be to lengthen the growing seasons.

Patrick J. Michaels, University of Virginia.

pling with major uncertainties in their under-standing of the "greenhouse effect."

This is the phenomenon named for the way the glass in a greenhouse allows sunlight in to warm the surface but blocks the resulting heat from radiating back into space. Certain gases in the air — such as carbon dioxide — have the

same effect. Because this heat is held close to Earth's surface, it no longer reaches the upper levels of the atmosphere, which becomes cooler than before. In turn, water vapor in the cooled air is more likely to condense into clouds.

In addition, atmospheric scientists agree, a

warming climate is likely to put more water vapor into the atmosphere simply by increasing the rate of ground evaporation.

According to one study, cloudiness over the United States increased 3.5 percent between 1950 and 1988. A German study in 1990 reported a decline in sunshine in Germany, and a 1988 report by the Department of Energy concluded from numerous shipboard abservations that the skies over the oceans have grown

Clouds make days cooler by blocking sunlight and nights warmer by absorbing the ground's heat and radiating it back toward the

Mr. Michaels, who long has doubted that greenhouse warming would lead to catastrophe, might be expected to emphasize data that minimize the threat. But scientists on the other side of the argu-

ment are in accord on this point. James Hansen of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City, the most prominent scientist to sound the global warming alarm in 1988, agrees that the warming observed so far has been mainly at night

"We see the nighttime warming both in ob-servational data and in our computer simula-tions," Mr. Hansen said. "And there is some evidence for increasing cloud cover."

In the long run, Mr. Hansen said, he expects the warming factors to overtake the cooling factors and to lead to significant global temperature rise in the daytime as well as at night. Mr. Hansen's forecast, however, is not as dire as it used to be.

Clinton Defends Budget For Education and Jobs

By Gwen Ifill New York Times Service MILWAUKEE - President Bill

Clinton conceded Tuesday that he would have to cut expenditures and taxes from his economic program to get it through the Senate, but held out the hope that his new programs for education and job training would not be gutted in the pro-

Since the narrow approval of the plan by the House of Representa-tives, the White House has signaled that it would reduce the amount it has asked for in new energy taxes. Mr. Clinton continued Tuesday

to voice support for the full energy tax he has proposed, saying that the very fact that it had been put for-ward for nstinnal dehate had outlining areas of his budget plan have heard about his plan. that be does not want touched, he "This is a historic mome did not include the energy tax.

more than the poor, keeping in of our economic destiny."

place incentives for small business and for the working poor, and retaining spending cuts. "We'll cut the taxes and have more spending cuts next week," he said. "But when we do, let's leave

the money in there that will shape these children's economic future. Let's have the money for education and training, for investment in technology for help for the defense industries that are building down." Challenging the Senate, which will take up his program next week, Mr. Clinton laced his speech with frequent references to issues like welfare reform that appeal to the conservative Democrats he is hoping to win back to his side.

And he urged an invited audience at an arena in the city center forced interest rates down. But in to "look beyond the rhetoric" they

"This is a historic moment," be said. "Now that the House has He asked that congressional ne-gotiators leave intact his goal of the deficit and to target investreducing the deficit by \$500 billion ments in our future, and it's going over four years by approving only to the Senate for further debate, we new taxes that make the rich pay can make a decision to seize control

AMERICAN TOPICS

Cross-Breeding Isn't Making Those 'Killer Bees' Any Nicer

Bad-tempered "killer bees," which first entered the United States in 1990, are unlikely to tamed by cross-breeding with milder domestic breeds, according to Nature magazine.

The bees, a cross between Brazilian domestic bees and African bees, escaped from a Brazilian laboratory in 1957, slowly made their way north and crossed from Mexico into Texas in 1990. They are no more poisonous than ordinary North American domesticated bees, which originated in Europe. But they attack more readily and in greater

Many scientists had predicted that killer bees

would eventually interbreed with domestic bees and become more mellow. But observations thus far are that African bees have only rarely produced hybrids with European strains, and these hybrids are not robust. So the killer bees probably will he around for awhile. But, the magazine pointed out, humans have

"been living with the African bees in Africa for awhile, and there are still a few people there."

Merge four towns and what do you get? A new name, four city halls, extra police chiefs and three streets called Walmit. The 8,000 residents of Esther, Elvins, Rivermines and Flat River in southeast Missouri voted in November to consolidate under the name of Park Hills. "We're finding all those things we didn't know we had to do," said Mark McFariand, chairman of the merger commission. One of the more crucial is notifying the U.S. Census Bureau so that Park Hills gets its share of federal aid money. The towns already share a library and a water system.

Bad swimmers are not the problem for lifeguards, says Reggie Jones, 66 and still fit as he begins his 50th season supervising beachgoers. It is good swimmers unaware of their own limitations who often end up needing rescue. How often? Mr. Jones, back on duty at New York's Robert Moses State Park, said he has lost track of the actual number but it adds up to "thousands."

The city of Boston plans to erect a memorial at the Fancial Hall market to victims of the Irish potato famine on the 150th anniversary of the "great hunger," in 1995. The famine, from 1845-1850, drove many Irish to the United States, and thousands settled in Boston.

Lingua Franca, the Review of Academic Life, has won the National Magazine Award for General Excellence in the under-100,000 circulation category in its third year of publication. Jeffrey Kittay, the publisher, is a former Yale professor of French literature. The award said Lingua Franca "is irreverent, if not downright sassy." Typical articles for the 11,000-circulation magazine, which comes out

every two months, considered whether academics are "the worst-dressed middle-class occupational group in the United States," the plight of students stranded at Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University since the demise of communism, and what benefactors like Adnan M. Khashoggi and the Reverend Sun Myung Moon expect for their moncy. Michael Hirschhorn of Esquire magazine says, "It's the only magazine that treats academia with the disrespect it deserves."

Sports Notes: Cecil Fielder of the Detroit Tigers had 76 home runs in his first 1,000 at-bats in major league baseball, a record. Well down the list are Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron, baseball's leading home run hitters at 714 and 755, who were relative ly slow starters at 39 and 40. . Don Nelson, head of professional basketball's Golden State Warriors, describing Shawn Bradley, a hot prospect from Brigham Young University at 7 feet 6 inches (2.28 meters): "When he sits down, his ears pop."

Arthur Highee

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A Korean Nuclear Deal

issue when Pyongyang's first vice minister of foreign affairs meets with U.S. State Department officials in New York this Wednesday. North Korea raised fears about its intentions in March by denying international inspectors access to its ouclear sites and threatening to withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. It oceds to allay those fears now -by remaining a signatory of the treaty and granting access to all its nuclear sites.

Pyongyang opened its nuclear reactors to inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency last year. Initial inspections indicated that the reactors had been operating longer than the North said, raising fears that it could have made enough nuclear material for a bomh. When the IAEA sought a special inspection of the North's ouclear waste sites to clear up the discrepancy. Pyongyang balked and rashly threatened to bolt from the Nonproliferation Treaty.

Washington was right to remain unruf-lled and allow diplomacy to bring North Korea back from the hrink. If Pyongyang allows internacional access to all its nuclear facilities, Washington can well afford to be magnanimous in meeting North Korea's concerns. Pyongyang believes it has been unjustly singled out for special inspections. As a face-saving gesture, Washingtoo can encourage South Korea to open its own nuclear sites to international inspectors simultaneously. That could also open

Will North Korea try to huild nuclear the way to mutual North-South inspections. Pyongyang said it was disappointed by Pyongyang said it was disappointed by Washington's reluctance to establish closer contacts that might lead to trade and aid from neighbor states. Ooce Pyongyang accepts full inspections, it has every right to expect more normal diplomatic relations and the opening up of trade and aid.

North Korea wants convincing assurances that the United States will never again make ouclear threats against it, as the United States did during the Korean War and at least once since. If inspections confirm that it is a nonnuclear state. Pyoneyang would be enutled to such assurances.

But on one key wish the North Koreans cannot be accommodated. North Korea may reiterate its long-standing demands for immediate withdrawal of the 36,000 U.S. troops on the peninsula. Such an abrupi change could raise tensions by prompting South Korean hawks to press their own government to step up defense spending and develop nuclear arms.

Pyongyang would be wise to content itself with resumption of the gradual U.S. withdrawal and an end 10 the needlessly provocative Team Spirit military exercises conducted jointly by the United States and South Korea.

Pyongyang's choice is clear: open the door to nuclear inspectors and improved diplomatic and economic ties or join the ranks of nuclear outlaws, deepening its diplomatic and economic isolation.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Perot Again, Unseriously

Ross Perot seems determined to make Republican specialists in aggressive politics such as Newt Gingrich and Boh Dornan look like pussycats. In a series of interviews, notably one with David Frost broadcast on Friday, be piled one slashing personal attack on President Bill Clinton atop another. He called Mr. Clinton "a person who does not have the background or experience for the most difficult job in the world," who has "a learning curve in Washington that's like a cliff," and who is trying to run things "the Arkansas way." If Mr. Clinton applied for a job in private industry, Mr. Perot said, "you wouldn't consider giving him a job any-where above middle management."

Mr. Perot did concede that the president

was "very bright," But otherwise he just hit away, observing that "you've got a different movie star in the White House every night" and calling the administration's yet-to-bereleased health care proposal "a disaster

sliding down the runway."

Then came his Sunday night paid program
on which he sought to scare the daylights out
of the country over the North American Free Trade Agreement, suggesting again that it would create that "giant sucking sound" of jobs headed south of the border.

In fact, far from being a drain on the American economy, the trade agreement is likely to be a source of strength. Mr. Perot's scaremongering does oot change that. But you can say this for him: He is at least willing to take a clear stand on the treaty. With Mr. Clinton's budget, on the other hand, he seems determined to use personal attacks to duck the hardest issues.

The Texas billionaire got a political hearserious enough about the deficit and the to happen he oeeds to be serious himself.

graphs to suggest that Americans get be-yond partisan attacks and gridlock to try to solve some problems. It sounded good. Now Mr. Perot seems to have succumbed to the very sins he once preached against. He is offering less and less substance, more and more in the way of sweeping generalization

and slash-and-burn rhetoric.

In an inspired, not to say instructive move, the House Democratic Study Group, headed by Mike Synar of Oklahoma, has drafted Mr. Perot's own five-year deficit reduction program from last year's campaign into an alternative to the Clinton budget. Mr. Synar, who supports the presi-dent's approach, could not help noting that Mr. Perot's 50-cent-per-gallon increase in the gas tax asked taxpayers to fork over twice as much as Mr. Clinton's much maligned energy tax, and that middle-income Americans overall paid twice as much under the Perot proposal.

As a deficit huster last year, Mr. Perot was routinely hailed for his courage. Why not a little courage now? If he wants to spend all that money on television time, why not use it to lay out a clear alternative to Mr. Clinton's plan — and yes, please, bring the charts and graphs. Defending his old plan in detail would do just fine. We would particularly like him to explain wby he proposed a large gas tax last year and now proposes gutting Mr. Clinton's smaller energy tax.

It's a free country, and Mr. Perot can say anything he wants. But if he insists oo evading the serious policy questions he claims to care about so much, others will feel increasingly free to wonder whether he has anything further to say that is worth ing in the first place last year because he paying attention to. Many people would insisted that politics in Washington was oot like to take Mr. Perot seriously, but for that

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Blurry HDTV Picture

The home television screen of tomorrow small technical point. Computer makers will be more than something to behold. One have pushed for the "progressive" system of way or another - and that is the critical question right now - the electronic windows of the future will make today's fanci-est "entertainment center" seem like television's version of the radio crystal set. If the technology can come together, which is what those latest reports on high-definition television were about, viewers will be turning on a whole new line of revolutionary, remarkably versatile sets with razor-sharp pictures, com-pact disc quality sound and almost infinite, on-demand access to movies, shopping, vidco games, computer data, live conferences and personalized telephone services, all at the flick of a remote control button.

But the autouncement that rival U.S. firms have agreed to collaborate on a single version of HDTV — which was hailed as cleaning the way for selection of a U.S. system by the Federal Communications Commission and as a leg up for America in global competition - may be less than it seemed. It is considered an important advance toward uniting television and computing, but exactly how the microscopic lines of video images should be transmitted or displayed is no

scanning now used in computer screens. But broadcasters have leaned toward the inter-

laced scanning they have been using.

The alliance's system just announced would allow television stations to choose between the two formats; the system could transmit and receive both. If the television and computer industries continue on separate paths, high-definition television alone may not be that great a consumer attraction. And if prices for these television sets come up much higher than those on the market now or than those of comparable or fancier sets from Japanese manufacturers. there goes U.S. competition.

The ultimate revolution in the market will come with sets capable of handling the works: different image formats, broadcast, cable, computing, video games and whatever else is in store. Even then, will everyone want it all in one box in one place? For how much? These are calculations on which will turn the biggest price tags of all: the costs of success or failure in the global market of the new information age.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

China's Economy Heats Up

Is the Chinese economy overheating and in danger of repeating the boom-bust cycle that brought social and political instability in the late 1980s? The government does not want growth to dampen, as this would put the Communist Party's legitimacy at risk. But there are signs of overheating that require Beijing to exercise more control.

Even so, there are differences between today and the late 1980s, when increases in

the cost of living were a new experience after four decades of fixed prices. This is no longer the case. A wide range of consumer goods is now in abundant supply. Industrial output is set to increase, backed by substantial foreign capital inflow and rising domestic investment. Above all, wages have kept ahead of inflation. Ordinary Chinese are distinctly upbeat about economic reform. Talk of the economy boiling over and of social and political unrest, therefore, seems alarmist.

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OPINION

A Newly Excellent German Politics, Please

PARIS—The assumption here is that Helmut Kohl is an excellent politician. No genius, hardly the seductive type, he has made a career understanding his constituency.
In 1983, he won election as chancellor not by

wrapping himself in the flag of the Pershing and cruse missiles he pledged to deploy but by riding the crest of a local economic boom that

the rest of the world ignored.

In 1989, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, he first caught the scent of German unification to come, made a speech setting out his blueprint without advance notice to the allies, and headed east to bring the good news and his vast embrace

It would be a sign of a Germany committed to a new normalcy, a reality of change in which Germanness could become synonymous with courage, imagination and good sense.

to the crowds in Dresden and Leipzig while Mikhail Gorbachev was still talking about one

Germany next century.

Sometimes Helmut Kohl temporizes. When the time came for the new Germany to make a defini-

time came for the new Germany to make a dermi-tive, reassuring statement about the permanence of its border with Poland (the Oder-Neisse line), he dawdled while squaring things with his right wing, discomforting the Americans, the French and the Poles but eventually getting the deal done. Sometimes Helmut Kohl uses symbolism. When he likes the setting and knows his audience when he likes the setting and knows his ancience would like it too, he'll squeeze a hand tight. On a miserable day at a World Wat I memorial, he took François Mitterrand's hand in his, held it long enough to get the gesture on film, and made that an effective reference — your kid might see it in a schoolbook. — for French-German reconciliation.

What you would not see in a schoolbook, or in a newspaper, or on television, are pictures of Helmut Kohl taking a Turkish child or mother into his arms, visiting a burnt-out house, or even holding the hand of a man whose wife and children were murdered by German extremists.

Just as he has avoided any dramatic personal

By John Vinocur

gesture of sorrow or rapprochement since the attacks on foreigners began in 1991, the chancel-lor was reported on Monday to have turned

down a chance to go on television to talk about the new murder of five Turks in Solingen. This article's premise being that Helmut Kohl is an excellent politician, there is a pretty fair basis to assume under the circumstances (over 20 dead and thousands of attacks in the last two years) that Mr. Kohl believes his constituency does not want to see its chancellor in a televised embrace with a Turkish victim, or worse, in some kind of symbolic equivalent of a Willy Brandt kneeling at the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial.

There were written statements of contrition from the government, of course, but its spokesman. Dieter Vogel, has spoken ont with remark-

able contempt against "condolence tourism."
What is this about? Helmut Kohl is no bigot, and he is not pandering to a voting bloc which would condone murder and racism. Rather, he is defending one of the driving ideas in his life —
that modern Germany has become a normal country, that its history must not be linked reflexively to the Nazi era, and that disgraceful anti-foreigner outbursts should not be the signal for exaggerated new penance and warnings of racial cataclysm. The idea is like the man. It is reasonable, but

petit bourgeois. It insists on a presumption of normalcy in Germany because normalcy is taken as good. If the chancellor becomes a participant as good. It the characteristic decorates a particular in nadonal soul-searching, an emotional and psychological autopsy, then the presumption of normalcy is gone. If Germany is not normal in the way Mr. Kohl insists it is, then his fear is that the way is opened to questions about why Germany should get a UN Security Council seat, why the European Community's central bank of the future should be located in Frankfurt, why anybody should listen to the Bundesbank's directives virtu-

ally running European economic policy.

In fact, Helmut Kohl and his constituency are running away from the collision between their insistence that Germany has become a normal country ready to assume an international leader-ship, and what the rest of the world (many Germans included) wants done about the murders

— a step, a powerful gesture to still anxiety that
something violent and lunatic, a storm of blood
and aggression, could again come from the address that produced the century's deepest misery.

Everywhere, it is a time of redefinition of normaky. Mercedes Benz is planning a little cheap car; the Deutsche Bank says the German banking system alone can no longer finance German industry; the Ruhr virtually stops pro-ducing steel. Old moralities wither, change virtu-

ally beats people on the head, and Helmut Kohl associates himself with the symbolism of the oormalcy represented by the return of the ashes of Frederick the Great from southern Germany to Potsdam, a wreath-laying at a cemetery where Waffen SS troopers are buried, and a visit to Kurt Waldheim, the then Austrian president.

In a country with a long history of a special line for foreign consumption and another at home, this message may have been easily distorted by a skinhead with a swastika on his belt.

The fact is that unless something massive and strong and emotionally charged is done about the anti-foreigner terrorism in Germany, the relatively insignificant presence of the neo-Nazis seems likely to become a historical asterisk on all German activity, the living taint that Helmut Kohl has been at such pains to disown.

That asterisk is not what the German nation needs in these days of devastated economic performance, political scandal, vast dissatisfaction, and antagonism between the Germans, east and west.
Normalcy by Helmut Kohl's current definition will not be an adequate message for a country of Germany's disappointments, energies and obsessions with redefining its role and identity.

Exalting and exhorting sound as suspect in German as they do in other languages, but here is a case where Helmut Kohl could make remarkable rolling.

able politics. He ought to take the lead in throwanie poutics. He ought to take the lead in inflow-ing out the purely ethnic criteria used to define Germanness and set up an immigration law that would enrich the country, offer dual nationality to some of its new citizens, and end the notion that considerations of "race" and "purity" lunk in the government and the constitution's concept

of the German community.

It would be a sign of a Germany committed to a new normalcy, a reality of change in which Germanness could become synonymous with courage, imagination and good sense.

The presumption here is that Helmut Kohl is an excellent politician. Now, without temporize the contraction of the contraction of the contraction.

ing and with strong symbolism, he can prove it again on a harder terrain.

International Herald Tribune

It's Their Balkan Quarrel

By José Cutileiro

T ISBON - Much has been said of the inability of the European Community, the United States and Russia to stop the carnage in Bosnia. The powers that be have been called cynical, cowardly, muddleheaded, indecisive or selfish for failing to bring the war to an end. But things ought to be put in perspective.

Former Yngoslavs, including the Muslims, Serbs and Croats of Bosnia, are civilized people from a developed part of the world. They find their cultural roots in the Iliad and the Odyssey, the Bihle or the Koran. They boasted a reasonably humane brand of socialism. They had hosted Olympic Games, meetings of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, scores of learned seminars, industrial fairs, wine competitions. Some of their athletes became world famous.

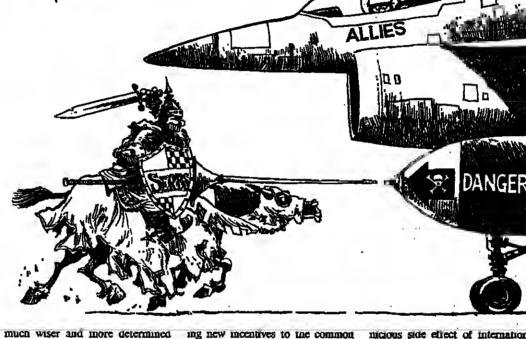
In other words, there are no comfortable explanations for their behavior once history caught up with them after the enforced hull of atomica. But they have mostly themselves to blame.

True, the European Community gave premature recognition to Croatia (and to Bosnia), thereby radicalizing the parties to conflict.

True, the United States hinted several times at military intervention and several times thought better of it — and this seesawing gave the upper hand to extremists in the Bosman factions.

And true, Russia kept mum for almost two years on a question that, however inconveniently, does concern it, thus let the the situation rot further than would have been the case otherwise.

All this may be awkward but it does not mean that the international community is being foolish or weak-willed. On the contrary, it is being decided to intervene, it built on what the West had already achieved, bring-



than it has often been.

Consider Europe. When the Yugo-slav trouble started, the Germans were clearly pro-Croatian, the French pro-Scroian. Without the European Community, that difference ing others along on either side. Within the Community, however, compro-mises were hammered out — not the ideal ones perhaps, but the possible ones. They have not yet cared the Yugoslav disease but they prevented it from spreading into our midst.
Consider the United States. In

less sobering times America might have yielded to the temptation to go in alone and set Bosnia right. Had it done so we would have now, in all probability, a major Balkan war with nasty repercussions further affeld. Wiser views prevailed. A joint against with Europe allies teeps the confact self-contained and reinforces the chances of a necessited solutions. gotiated solution.

Or consider Russia. When it finally

ing new incentives to the common diplomatic endeavor.

We must not forget, either, that the international community has made huge resources available to help find an end to the war and give humani-tarian aid to the victims. The European moreters, the UN Protection Force, the office of the UN Hich Commissioner for Refugees and the Red Cross have done an admirably selfless job and lost lives along the way. The outside world has been kinder to the Bosnians than the Bos-

nians have been to each other.

By "Bosnians," again, I mean
Muslims, Serbs and Croats. All sides have committed atrocities and all sides have deliberately jeopardized peace negotiations.

Last spring, Bosnian interlocutors made a point of reminding me omi-nously that one world war had started in Sarajevo. When told that another one most certainly would not, they seemed disappointed. Understandably so — international attention had bred in them delusions of centrality; saturation media coverage bloated their self-importance. Indeed, a pernicious side effect of international involvement in former Yugoslavia had been to make fighters for parochial interests appear as if they were

champions of universal causes.

They are not. The sooner everybody grasps this the better. For morwell beyond Bosnia, all of us - East and West, North and South, Christian and Islamic - must improve our concerted efforts to foster an equitable settlement. But it is their quarrel, not ours.

The writer, a Portuguese diplomat, was coordinator of the EC Conference on Yugoslavia chaired by Lord Carrington. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune. .

Not America's Job

Bushla, which from the start was based on wishful thinking and cynical manipulation by politi-cians, will have to be partitioned: one part to Serbia, another to Cynatia, and a Muslim principality — a Balkan Monaco or Liechtenstein centered on Sarajevo.
This is not an idealistic solution. It

will require a transfer of populations that will involve considerable hardship for many. International guaran-tees should be extended to the Muslim enclave, but it should not be protected by an American army.

Morality and national security are not incompatible, but Americans look to their president to distinguish between the nation's needs and the world's demands. Ronald Steel, commenting in The New York Times.

denard. Their Eyes Were Shut In Gabon *

By Keith Richburg

BREVILLE, Gabon — When America's premier black leaders gathered here last week to celebrate their "homecoming" to the African continent, they had mostly effusive praise for Gabon's president, Omar Bongo. None of the Americans bothered to go meet opposition leaders like Jules Bourdes Ogouliguende, who is waging an uphill battle for president in elections that critics here say Mr. Bongo is manipulating to guarantee him-

self another victory.

And none of the black Americans. in their speeches or separate inter-views, mentioned the plight of Gabon's only private radio station, which is being blocked from transmitting, or the peasants in the countryside, who have thrown up barricades and staged protests against the unequal distribution of wealth in this tray country with

Another telling scene from this con-ference: When Siene Leone's young president, Captain Valentine Strass entered the meeting hall sporting his usual camouflage battle fatigues and Rayban songlasses, many of the black Americans went wild with cheering

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Americans went wild with cheering and applause, as if Captain Strasser were a celebrity rap star.

No one bothered to mention that, be had seized power in a military coup last year, that he has yet to make good on his promise to return Sierra Leone to democratic govern-ment and free elections, or that in the last year of his rule this boyish-looking autocrat has presided over a vio-lent purge of dissidents and former officials in his country.

African-American leaders often seem to go through a strange meta-morphosis when they visit their ancestral homeland. Dictators are hailed as statesmen and given the benefit of the doubt. Repressive regimes are praised for having fought off the colonialists and having steered their countries on the path of development. While black American leaders

were at the forefront of calls for immediate democratic reform in South Africa, when it comes to black Africa they say that it is not America's business to interfere.

Some black American leaders are now starting to make public com-ments about the need for democracy in black Africa. For instance, Trans-Africa in Washington has moved away from being a South Africa-only lobby group, and has issued state-ments critical of black African regimes. It has also made a point of praising the continent's tennous steps

loward democracy taken so far. "The African-American community would like to see the process of democratization continue in Africa, but not try to dictate the character or pace of that democratization," said the Rever-end Benjamin Chavis Jr., executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peo-ple. "It is for the people of Gabon to determine their destiny. It is not for outsiders to get involved in the inter-nal political surge, or Gabon."

THE RELIGIOU. WE THE UNIT States must support the emerging African democracies - the African understanding of democracy - rather than attempt to superimpose a Westem standard of democracy."

"Economic growth cannot take lace without political stability," and lesse Jackson. Military regimes are inherently unstable. What makes democracy stable is that it is bottom up.

instead of top down."

Africa, he said, "has to eventually get to democracy. [But] one cannot go blindly imposing it. Ultimately, it must be self-determination."

Most black American leaders here agree that Africa needs to progress toward true democracy if ever the continent is to end its cycle of ecocomic despair, indebtedness and dependence on foreign aid.

"Democracy is essential for development," said Andrew Young, a for-mer United Nations authorough. "If Africa is to develop, they have to keep their own talent - and the reason their own talent leaves is the absence of human rights and the above sence of democracy.

But in Gabon, at least, black American leaders apparently missed their chance to call for more democracy, by never criticizing President Bongo and never allowing the oppositionists a hearing.

The Americans came here to create a dialogue," said Mr. Bourdes Ogouliguende in an interview at his home. They need to understand our problems of education and health care ... But they are not going around snough, to be able to see the true problems of the country and to talk to the members of the opposition." The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Newfangled Stamp BRUSSELS - To-day M. Van den

Peereboom, Minister of Railways and Posts, put in force a most extransitionary innovation — new post-age stamps, attached to which is an additional slip of gummed paper bearing the following words in French and Flemish, "Do not deliver this letter on Sunday." The avowed object of this is to allow any person in favor of Sunday repose to help in bringing it about for postmen and Post Office employes. The slip can be severed from the body of the stamp by persons minded otherwise. The Liberal journals, however, violently attacked the novelty.

1918: German Offensive FRENCH BATTLEFRONT -- This is the sixth day of the German offensive and the battle continues with unabated fury. Germany is still making the most powerful effort she is capable of, with the best of her troops ginning to make itself felt. On the left wing of the German attack, between Rheims and Château-Thierry, the enemy is contained, while on the right, between Soissons and the Marne, our resistance is beginning to prove victorious. 1943: To End It Soon' WEST POINT, New York - [From our New York edition: | General Hen-

and all the material available. But the

weight of our reinforcements is be-

ry H. Amold, commander of the Army Air Forces, told the graduating class at the United States Military Academy today [June 1] that the Unit-ed Nations will end the war — and end it soon"—by blasting the enemy with all the air might they can command. With ultimate triumph assured, be said, the Allies seek the shortest possible road to victory, and he made it clear that they would not be dissuaded from their course by Axis propaganda concerning the civilian casualties which might result.

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Ukraine Deserves Fair Reassurance

WASHINGTON — Since de-claring its intention to give up its ouclear weapons almost two years ago, Ukraine has been huilding a huge army and hedging its nuclear bets.

Ukraine began temporizing only a month after its initial bold declaration, when conspirators in Mos-cow staged their coup and sent Soviet ground forces to Kiev with an ultimatum: Comply with the new regime or the army moves in.

To back up the threat, helicopters reconnoitered the city while special forces, trained to seize pubie buildings, took positions on the outskirts. For Ukrainians, the incident drove home the precariousoess of their sovereignty. Despite U.S. cajoling, Ukrainian legislators appear poised to backtrack

and postpone joining the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. While they will likely ratify the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, they will surrender no warheads without firm security guarantees, Russian recognition of borders and grants of several billion dollars for dismantling their arsenal.

Pressuring Ukraine seems only to strengthen pro-ouclear sentiment there. Russian officials and some Americans perversely favor pressing Ukraine to give up its 2.000 warheads in one or two years instead of the seven allowed under START. Hackles rose in Kiev when Russia's ambassador said that Ukraine's independence was tored depots in the countries of to The New York Times.

By Bruce G. Blair

temporary, and when the Russian vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, claimed Ukrainian territory.

This volatile mix of perceived Russian imperialism and American haste to disarm Ukraine could push Kiev to try to seize independent control of the weapons on its territory to ensure a nuclear deterrent against Russia. Russia still firmly controls the

176 ballistic missiles in Ukraine, Ukrainian troops physically con-trol the 670 air-delivered warheads in storage there, but only Russian codes can release the locking devices that prevent their detonation. But Ukraine could take real control in a matter of months, if Russia acquiesced. Ukraine has the expertise to circumvent the locks on the air-delivered weapons and aim the

missiles at Russia. Moscow might or might not sit by, but even a remote chance of a military conflict threatens stability. To avert a conflagration, Russia and America should stop insisting

that Ukraine abruptly hand over its weapons to Russia. Such demands only fuel Ukrainian paranoia. Instead, all three countries should remove all warheads from missiles scheduled for elimination under START-1 and -2 and store them, along with Ukraine's air-de-

livered weapons, in jointly moni-

origin. That is, Ukrainian weapons would be monitored on Ukrainian soil by Americans, Russians and Ukrainians. Ukraine would still have to denuclearize in seven years. This agreement would allay

most of Ukraine's current fears. Removing warheads from Russian control respects Ukrainian sovereignty. Placing them under multi-national guard defuses the dispute between Russia and Ukraine over who owns them, the main barrier to Ukraine's joining the nonproliferation treaty.

Participating in a fair multina-tional nuclear agreement, including stationing its own inspectors in the United States and Russia, would enhance Ukraine's prestige.

Ukraine would also reap an ecocomic harvest. The United States has agreed to buy \$8 billion to \$13 billion worth of uranium from the old Soviet arsenal. Ukraine is to get a share of the proceeds. It should be able to cash in on its warheads as it turns them in. A Ukraine secure in its sover-

tignty would be ready to disarm. And the West, once assured of Ukraine's nonouclear future, would be ready for a new political and ecocomic partnership with this emerging power.

The writer, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, is author of "The Logic of Accidental Nuclear War." He contributed this comment

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OPINION

Were Backward, In Gal Sideward, Forward?

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — The decision to pick a public relations man for three Republican presidencies as the spokesman for the new Democratic administration is an important step meaning one or more of the following things:

1. The public and press are just as stupid as President Bill Clinton obviously thinks they are and have never seen a cynical political gim-mick they would not buy.

2. Under pressure because of the nature of the presidency and his own mistakes, Mr. Clinton is losing his political rudder and his ship is winging to port and starboard.

3. He never had a political rudder.

4. The leftish messianic rhetoric

(and appointments) are over. 5. Don't believe 4. In fact, with a Democratic administration so rattled so early as to lunge desperately for a Republican spokesman, it's best not to believe anything for a while.

I am one of those Clinton voters who worry now about White House

ON MY MIND

filthy rich exploiters of the poor as we work to pay off the mortgage.

We want President Clinton to move forward by moving back to the center where America's future lies - we think. And that is where Mr. Clinton is telling us he is going by mixing a famous Republican adviser into his White House

But here I am with a sour face oot because of the able and likable David Gergen himself but because of a matter of constancy. What does the president understand that word to mean, for himself and for the people be chooses to be close around him? If we do oot know

The Republican administrations that Mr. Gergen represented so well had specific positions that helped the country understand what they stood for. Among the issues were Vietnam, abortion, the rights of homosexuals, civil liberty legislation, taxation, health care, the role of government in shaping the American economy and society, military strength and military spending, financial help to the cit-



how to deal with racial divisions. Certainly Mr. Gergen must have agreed with his Republican chiefs on most of those issues, close to all. How would any self-respecting senior adviser serve or speak for an administration if he did not agree so

much of the time as to make occasional disagreement unimportant? But on all of those issues, and a lot more, Mr. Clinton has positions ranging from sharply different to opposite. He ran on those differences. He was elected because enough people agreed with him, not with his Republican opponent

or predecessors. Now Mr. Gergen will have to explain and defend positions directly contrary to those of his former bosses, Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. Conversion and repen-tance are all very well but I trust he will be asked when they took place

on each separate matter. Each time, did he tell his Republican presidential employers? Or did all these epiphanies take place since Mr. Clinton's election?

If he will not tell us, can we trust him as much as we did when he got paid for speaking for Republican presidents? We are talking con-stancy — not able and likable.

Mr. Gergen's constancy is not as important as a president's. If I had wanted to vote Republican in 1992, as I have whenever I wished, I would have done so. But Mr. Clinton convinced me it was time for the Democrats to show their new stuff. Fool that I am, it never entered my mind that he would come to think so much of Republican

Lost in Brand X Murk at Foggy Bottom

WASHINGTON — There are more unnamed sources per square foot in Washington than in any other place in the country. And those of us who get exercised about confidential sources are always happy to recite everything that's wrong with that.

But the comic tangle we witnessed here last week underscored something else: how the thriving practice of confidential sourcing can support the belief that the government and journalists are out of touch with the public. Back up to last Tuesday. A man from the State Department spoke at a luncheon of the

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Overseas Writers, an informal group of American and foreign journalists who spe-

cialize in foreign policy.

As usual, he spoke "on background," and reporters who agreed to the ground rules could use his words but could identify him only as "a senior State Department official." This dance followed:

On the front page of The Washington Post Wednesday "a senior State Department official" described a more modest role for the United States in the post-Cold War world. In the same story Secretary of State Warren Christopher said on the record. There is oo derogation of our powers and our responsibil-ity to lead." He was followed by "a senior White House official" claiming that what the "senior State Department official" said is

"not our foreign policy." Wednesday's report began with "high-level By Joann Byrd

disavowals" of the remarks of the "senior State Department official." But Daniel Williams and John Goshko, two Post reporters who were at the Tuesday luncheon, reported Thursday that the terms Mr. Christopher used Tuesday night on television "closely paralleled" what the "senior State Department official" had said to the 49 writers.

By Thursday, the "senior State Department official" had been duhbed "Brand X" and another "senior State Department official (not Brand X)" was scrambling to explain the administration position. This Post story had the State Department giving another reason for not releasing reporters from their pledge to keep Brand X anonymous: It "would also raise questions about the speaker's closeness to and influence oo Christopher."

Tuesday night, the Post executive editor, Leonard Downie, called the State Department and argued that especially because the secretary of state and the White House wanted to disayow what the "senior State Department official" said, the department should

change the ground rules.
(When the department refused, the paper kept its promise, but then awkwardly reported Thursday that The New York Times which was oot represented at Tuesday's lunch and thus had no promise to keep - had reported that the speaker was Peter Tarnoff, undersecretary of state for policy.)

Partly because the speaker's name had been on the State Department's Tuesday calendar, journalists and government people all over town already knew who had addressed the 49 writers. And journalists and government people could understand something else; what all

this meant about U.S. foreign policy. But the public could be excused for finding

the whole thing a huge muddle.

And my complaint is not just about this fiasco, which may be worst-case. My complaint is with an assumption, a practice in which the public gets forgotten.

Confusion is bound to happen eventually when the presumption in Washington favors anonymity. When sources are on the record, the public can measure their comments and motivations; sources with names can be asked to clarify and explain; debates can be condueted fairly. Sources with names lead to greater public understanding.

If it were deemed important for the American public to be able to follow along — or participate, even — the rule book would start with a bias for people speaking on the record. The exceptions would be people granted nonymity one case at a time, for reasons the

public could accept — cases, for example, when to speak out would carry genuine risk.

But the Washington habit is "on background." Many government officials expect it, and journalists too readily acquiesce. And that can end up - as it did last week - with

insiders talking in code to each other.

And if members of the public conclude that public-policy conversations are conducted at a distance, that they are disregarded or igoored, then who can blame them?

The Washington Post.

language and appointments that smell of class or racial divisiveness. Also: We resent being talked to as

blend - we think

that, we cannot know him.

ies and, perhaps most important, positions that he would select as

his top spokesman a man who had represented them so well for years. be had told me, I might have

chosen the real thing. Those White House kids are not fashionable any more. They are taking the rap, good and hard, because the president did not figure out that he and his barber were still on the ground or wonder how come. Too bad; I am more conserva-

course people like that have to go - they are so young and inexperienced they only know how to speak out of one side of their mouths. But I will bet that George will never go to work for Dan Ouavle.

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to like some of them. George Ste-

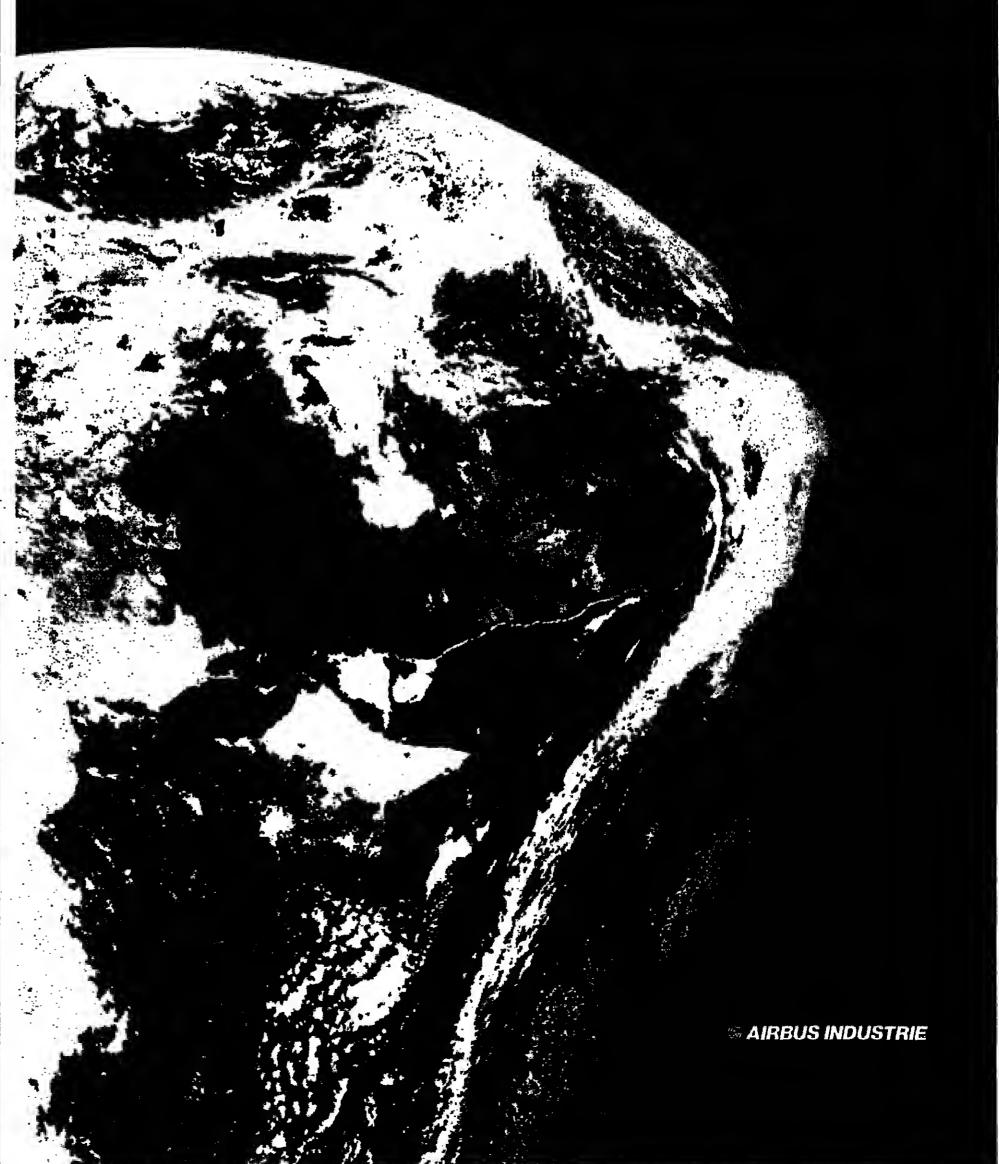
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Czechs and Europe

Regarding "EC and the East: Just Say No" (Business/Finance, April 20) by Reginald Dale:

The Czechs always were in Europe, albeit cut off for some 40. years. If it is beyond dispute that the Czech Republic is not yet ready to subscribe to all existing European Community rules and standards, it oow appears that the Czech nation will be institutionally and economically prepared for anembership sooner than the EC is

prepared to receive it. The first issue is, of course, trade. The Community, the rest of Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Japan have organized a huge network of much appreciated assistance for the countries of the former Communist bloc. But with the exception of the United States, they seem to ignore the common-sense plea for trade, not aid," treating it as

a mere slogan.
The EC and others should accept that there are sensitive commodities in which countries of Central and Eastern Europe have short-term comparative advantages and that such commodities the neither being subsidized our dumped. Economic recovery is stifled if fair trading access is not assured. Trade is the only aid that is effective in the long term.

The second issue is Western Europe's adaptation to the emergence of market economies such as that of the Czech Republic which will increasingly compete in world markets. The EC will have to accept such competition and will likely oeed its own structural changes to accommodate it.

In particular, spoiled groups within Western society, such as farmers, steelworkers and others, should not be so attentively heeded just because of pending elections. A profound change in economic policies, ahandoning what are sometimes disastrous subsidies. will finally release all of us from this vicious circle of short-term po-

htical expediency. VLADIMIR DLOUHY. Minister of Industry and Trade. Czech Republic. Prague.

Back to Unesco

Regarding the editorial "Think-

ing About Unesco" (April 20): A major function of Unesco is to promote literacy as well as science, technology and communications in the Third World. What is not so widely known is that its mandate also requires it to perform services of special interest to industrialized nations. These include:

 Advancing intercountry cooperation among research institutions, and organizing meetings where scientists can trade ideas. Discovering ways and means of ensuring a free flow of information within and between countries. · Arresting the deterioration of man's common heritage, in the

form of museums, archaeological sites, historic cities and so on. Programs in all these areas have been languishing because of severe financial constraints. On the posi-

tive side, Federico Mayor, the organization's director-general, has mproved management practices. He has been instrumental in the abandonment of controversial programs like the one calling for a new world information order," which could have led to curtailment of press freedoms, and of studies on peace, disarmament and human rights that fall outside Unesco's mandate. Thus there are strong grounds for the United

M. VASUDEVAN.

Heartfelt Praise

Regarding "Bosnia's Presid Rejects Aitied Plan" (May 24): So Bill Clinton has been praised by Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, "for dropping his plan to bomb the Serbs and arm the [Bosnian] Muslims," If George Bush had ignored Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Saddam Hussein no doubt would have praised him.

ANTHONY RALSTON.

Western Perfidy

President Bill Clinton has announced support for a plan to put Bosnian Musims into "safe havens" surrounded by Serbs. Americans know about that: They have experience with Indian reservations.
The Vance-Owen plan was always a cruel joke. The Western

alliance knew all along that Serbs would massacre Muslims. And now "civilized" Europe and America are drenched with the blood of innocent victims. Such treachery does not come without a price. YOUNOUS HAMZAWL

Leicester, England. Wishing Won't Do

Regarding "Star Wars Is Dead! Long Live BMDO!" (Opinion, May 22) by Charles Krawhammer:

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, successor to the "star wars" program, demonstrates a kind of wishful thinking: Devise a shield and then imagine that the enemy will use only those weapons that your shield protects against.

It will always be easier and cheaper to circumvent such a system than to build one: The United States has as much to fear from a bomb in a suitcase as from one borne by a missale.

Since no such system will come even close to 100 percent effectiveness, the pertinent questions are these: Why should America spend so much for so little and why do some people want it to so badly?

TIM HANSON. Frankfurt

Cambodia Regime, Losing, Warns It'll Reject Outcome

By William Branigin Washington Post Service

PHNOM PENH - Faced with an eroding position in national election returns, the ruling Cambodian People's Party threatened Tuesday to reject the results of UN-supervised voting unless the United Nations conducted new balloting in at least four provinces.

In making the threat, the Cambodian People's Party cited alleged "irregularities" and warned of possible "insurrections" as the counirv's royalist opposition party widened its lead in the elections for a constituent assembly under a 1991 UN sponsored peace plan.

The UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia. the 22,000-member Unjac, said that it would look into

ilies" as minor anomalies in voting. The election was widely praised by international observers as free and

Yasushi Akashi, a Japanese who

results. enforce the results if the government chose to reject them. Such a troops, the sources said.

move would effectively nullify the \$1.7 billion peacekeeping mission and make the Vietnamese-installed regime an international pariah. Confronted with the prospect of

any specific complaints, but that it ment and armed forces are display- partial returns on the fourth day of

officials described the "irregular- as "growing belligerence" toward the peacekeeping mission. Several violent incidents recently have been attributed to government

In the southeastern province of leads the UN mission, attributed . Prey Veng, two officials of the roythe ruling party's objections to "in- alist party were assassinated and ternal difficulties" in accepting the two others wounded. Government soldiers are suspected. UN sources He made it clear, however, that said. In Kompong Cham Province, his mission was not in a position to soldiers lobbed shells over a position held by Indian peacekeeping

In Phnom Penh. UN troops from Ghana mounted a heavy guard around a UN radio station following an anonymous threat to attack ii. Defying government demands peacekeeping mission known as losing their 14-year monopoly on that it stop broadcasting election power, the Phnom Peah govern- results, the radio continued to issue islature. The constitution needs a also complained about flimsy locks

bad no plans to hold new polls. UN ing what one UN official described counting. Final results of the May a simple majority of the seats is 23-28 elections are expected this required to form a government.

> tional Front for an Independent, ment with "maybe 70 percent of Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia was leading with 44.4 percent of the valid ballots, followed by the People's Party with 39.5 percent, according to the latest figures released by the UN from 20 of Cambodia's 21 provinces.

The results indicate that the royplurality of the 120 seats at stake in the constituent assembly. Under two-thirds vote for approval, while and seals on ballot boxes.

week.

With 60 percent of the vote counted the royalist United Na
Shortly before the election. Prime Minister Hun Sen predicted a landslide victory for the governthe vote.

But with the ruling party trailing, the president of the Cambodian People's Party. Chea Sim, the government's behind-the-scenes strongman, handed Mr. Akashi a sharply worded complaint.

"Irregularities that are more and alist party stands to gain at least a more serious and unacceptable to us have taken place in recent days." it said. It cited a discrepancy of the peace plan, the body is to write 3.876 ballots in UN figures for vala new constitution within three id votes in Phnom Penh, where months and become a national leg-more than 360,000 people voted. It

"All this no longer allows us to accept the current electoral prothat the proclamation of results be suspended and that new elections be held in the constituencies in question, like Phnom Penh, Battambang, Kompong Chhnang and

Prey Veng." The ruling party was losing in Phnom Penh and Battambang, but winning in Kompong Chhnang and Prey Veng. In addition, said the party spokesman. Sok An, political leaders were considering contesting the results in the provinces of Banteay Meanchey. Kandal and Kompong Cham, where the party was losing badly.

"If the elections are not free and fair, we must have new elections," Mr. Sok An said during a turnultuous press conference.

North Korea Says the U.S. Is Key to Success in Talks

The Associated Press

BEUING - In a rare interview, the North Korean ambassador to China, Chu Chang Jun, said Tuesday that the success of U.S. North Korean talks on nuclear tensions hinged on Washington's attitude.

North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the strain that it has created on the Korean Peninsula are the subject of talks scheduled Wednesday at the United Nations in New York. It was the first time in memory that the envoy has spoken to an American news agency.

"This meeting should proceed on a principle of equal footing." Mr. Chu said through an interpreter. "If either side tries to be superior to the other or tries to pressure the other side, then we

cannot expect success in the talks. The United States wants North Korea to stay within the nonproliferation pact and let the International Atomic Energy Agency continue inspections of North Korea's nuclear facilities. But Pyongyang pulled out of the treaty over demands by the agency to inspect two sensitive sites, reinforcing suspicions that North Korea was developing nuclear arms.

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CHINA: Four Years After the Tiananmen Massacre, a New Dawn Breaks

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racy movement, recently smuggled a letter out of prison. In it, he wrote that each time he has told visiting family members about being mistreated, he has been punished with further beatings. According to the letter and an ac-count from a family member published by human rights groups, the torture has already left Mr. Liu with a prolapsed anus, psoriasis and swellings all over his face. His hair reportedly is turning white.

This is the dictatorship of the proletariat. the meat grinder." a prison commander. Wang Shijun, told Mr. Liu during one of the torture sessions, according to the smuggled letter. "If you refuse to bow your bead, we'll grind you slowly to death."

In China, beatings and even killings of dissidents are nothing new. In one sense, the news is not that people like Mr. Liu are being mistreat-ed, but that the word is getting out.

What has changed is that China is becoming an increasingly porous society. The Communist Party appears to be losing its ability either to inspire or to terrify people into suhmission. It may seem peculiar to perceive a political

dawn at a time when Chinese continue to be beaten and occasionally killed for their political or religious beliefs. But by China's own grim standards, it is progress that the authorities are torturing only Mr. Liu, and not also punishing his family for disclosing his treatment.

In short, China less and less resembles its totalitarian past, and instead is coming to look more like a run-of-the-mill dictatorship — rather like Taiwan 15 years ago. The Chinese govcrament still harasses and sometimes tortures its critics, but most of the time it leaves other people alone.

President Bill Clinton's decision to extend trade benefits to China was based in part on this sense that China is making progress, and the conditions attached to the agreement are also linked to progress in buman rights. And in turn, one reason that China freed political pris-

Carlsberg leaving Singapore Dasks

Mr. Clinton otherwise might not extend the trade benefits, known as most-favored-nation

The Chinese leaders may release more dissidents, partly to smooth the renewal of mostfavored-nation status a year from now. Another factor for relaxation is the desire to improve Beijing's chances of being selected in September to play host to the Summer Olympics in the

year 2000. More hroadly, there is a deep yearning among Communist Party officials for China to be accepted as a civilized country, rather than

'A liberalized economy and a rigid political system. It's a recipe for upheavals.

Wang Dan, a leader of the Tiananmen student movement.

as an uncouth torturer that somebow slipped

into the ranks of major nations. In the aftermath of the 1989 Tiananmen killings, the Maoists tried to reimpose totalitarianism, and for a while they were moderately successful. The hard-liners inflicted themselves not only on the small number of universityeducated dissidents, but on the entire popula-

tion of more than 1.7 hillion. The government banned interesting films, arrested people for dancing at rock concerts, sent university students off to military training, required new graduates to work in remote "grass roots" jobs, and forced city-dwellers to attend boring political study classes and lie

about what was on their minds.

The chief accomplishment of the hard-liners

oners was concern among Chinese leaders that in this period, which lasted until about a year ago, was to convince the public that everything boring and unpleasant was "socialist." On the other hand, the authorities condemned every-thing that was fun — even hand-holding, which

was banned at Beijing University.
Not unexpectedly, millions of Chinese feel more passionate about hand-holding than

about human rights. That social repression is what has eased the most in the last year. These days people can read sexy novels, watch foreign television, bop to rock music, travel abroad and - what is perhaps most important - make pots of money. The universities are shortening the military training programs, and businesses are reducing

or abolishing the political study sessions. The economic boom, which generated 12.8 percent growth in the gross national product last year, is changing China in fundamental ways. As a result, it is misleading simply to discuss conditions in the context of the period before the 1989 crackdown.

China is moving backward, forward and sideways, all at once. It is much more porous, mobile, corrupt and cosmopolitan than it has ever been before. The information revolution bas arrived, so news - like the accounts of the forture of Liu, the physicist -gets out, and also gets back in.

Throughout the nation, Chinese apartment huildings are sprouting the oversized ears of the 1990s: white satellite dishes that enable viewers to watch MTV or even BBC television news programs, dubbed into Chinese. Such dishes are nominally banned, but even state-owned stores sell them.

The emergence of a market economy is even undermining the official propaganda appara-tus. The Beijing Daity, for instance, is a hard-line publication that used to denounce capitalism. Now it is trying to demonstrate its enthusiasm for markets by selling its entire front page to a foreign company as a one-shot advertisement, for \$300,000.

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A Japanese Gig for '60s Jazz

By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune

¬ OKYO—Few Japanese would risk walking away from a secure job to pursue a personal ambition. But Tetsuo Hara felt the time had come. For years, the record producer had dreamed of reissuing the early avant-garde jazz recordings from the 1960s that were his

awakening to music as art.

Then last year, things fell in place. Hara worked out an arrangement to reissue in Japan the entire catalogue of ESP records, a label that contains many of the recordings that captivated him as a university student 30 years ago. Not surprisingly, he couldn't convince his employer, Alfa Records, an independent but conservative jazz label, to back him. Japan is one of the world's biggest markets for jazz, but tastes lean heavily to-ward late '50s hard-bop and fuzak (a plodding mix of jazz-rock fusion and Muzak).

Venus Records. "I got into jazz through ESP and Coltrane's recordings on Impulse," he said "And while I don't think I can make this work as a business, if I can break even, that's O. K." Hara, 46, has been working from his. apartment with two assistants; he concedes that his wife's income as a lyricist for Japa-

The solution: Quit and start a new label

oese pop singers provides an ample cushion.

Among students of jazz, the ESP label retains an almost mythical aura. Begun in New York in 1964 by Bernard Stollman, a New York music lawyer who decided that what

struggling artists needed was not advice, but money and exposure, the label became a forum for the pioneers of free jazz. In the spirit of the times, Stollman put up the cash and stayed out of the way, letting musicians select their own sidemen, tunes, studios and engineers. The motto was: "The artists alone decide."

The most famous recordings - and those that have remained in Hara's body and soul were made by the saxophonist and composer Albert Ayler, whom Stollman first heard play-ing in a cafe in Harlem in late 1963. Ayler's haunting and raucous mid-1960s recordings, "Spiritual Unity" and "Spirits Rejoice," shocked most listeners. But they served as a rallying cry for free jazz and the radical black music consciousness of the day.

In addition to Ayler, ESP issued important works by Ornette Coleman, Marion Brown,
Steve Lacy, Sun Ra and Paul Bley. ESP, which
is short for Esperanto-Disk, branched into
other styles of music, including funk, psychedelic and punk rock, before folding in 1976.

Like most countries, Japan has few converts to free jazz, an exceptionally democratic style that lets musicians go their own way while being part of the whole. So most of the ESP reissues will appeal to a limited oumber hard-core collectors.

In theory, the ESP catalogue, which has been beensed to the German company ZYX Music is already available in Japan. In practice, though, only the biggest titles, such as Ayler's "Spiritual Unity" can be found, and only then in major cities. Venus, which is licensed to market the CDs only in Japan,

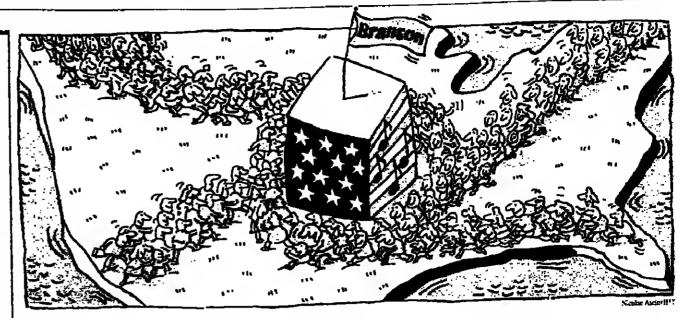
plans to compete against the less expensive imports with better distribution and by offer-ing more faithful re-creations of the original

Venus will also produce about 10 original jazz productions per year. The debut recording is a double-CD by Pharoah Sanders, a saxophonist Hara has produced before. Also coming are sessions by saxophomists Marion Brown, Lee Konitz and Dewey Redman with his son Joshua; pianists Claude Williamson, John Hicks and Walter Bishop Jr., and a trio record by the organist Lonnie Smith with guitarist John Abercrombie and drummer Marvin (Smitty) Smith.

LTHOUGH Hars will tailor the repertoires to conservative Japaoese tastes, these original recordings are also likely to lose money, he said. To pay the rent, Hara will do like most small Japanese jazz labels: license and reissue older records by dead or past-their-prime stars such as Art Pepper, Gil Evans, Jaco Pastorius and Elvin Jones.

This June, Venus will also start a budget classical label that will begin by reissuing about 20 recordings made in the 1960s and 70s by the French label. Charlin Disque. Next year, Venus will begin reissing ESP's rock recordings.

Hara no longer listens to Ayler as daily nourishment. But he hasn't lost the ability to tune in from time to time. "I still find a compelling message of creative inspiration,"



Look Out Nashville, Here's Branson

By Peter Applebome

RANSON, Missouri - The your buses are already crawling past the Elvis-A-Rama, the funnel cake pariors, hill-billy moccasin emporiums and glitzy new music theaters here in the fastest growing U. S. vacation center.

Once a sleepy Ozarks town, but now a billion dollar phenomenon, Branson has become more than a refuge for a bewildering array of aging pop stars and pre-Garth Brooks country musi-cians who thril the faithful at more than 30 theaters there.

Instead, the astounding growth of this squeaky clean, virtually all-white, middle-of-nowhere mecca is a revealing slice of America and a reminder about how immense a gulf there often is between those who presume to define culture on the coasts and those who consume it

You compare this with LA," said Bob Whitner, a retiree from Sun City, California, visting Branson in early May. "There's oo smog blowing down from the hillsides. There's no graffiti. There are no gangs. There are no car jackers. I'm not prejudiced, but it's nice to be comentate where experies speaks English."

someplace where everyone speaks English."
Indeed, anyone who wants to understand
America could do worse than to come to Branson, a mountain village of 3,700 residents with only a two-lane highway that now attracts more than 5 million visitors a year who spend more than \$1 billion on everything from concerts and motels to hillbilly hats.

Branson, the second-most-popular U.S. va-cation destination by car behind Orlando, Florida, claims to feature more theater seats than Broadway and more seats for regularly scheduled music than anywhere in the United States.

"Yesterday we saw Andy Williams and that Japanese violinist," said Alice Hughes, who was there with a church tour group from Indianapo-

lis, referring to Branson's most popular per-former, Shoji Tabuchi. Today we're seeing Mel Tillis and Louise Mandrell. It's clean. You feel safe, and the prices are reasonable. It's

really quite a place."

For most of the century, this was scenic but

dirt-poor mountain country. It is still more than a four-hour drive from any big city and 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the nearest commercial airport, in Springfield, Missouri.

But its tourism business began to grow in the 1960s and then really took off in the early 1980s after Roy Clark, host of the television show "Hee Haw," opened a theater in Branson.

lo addition to country stars like Loretta

Lynn and Glen Campbell and local entertainers like the Baldknobbers, there are oow venerable pop stars like the Osmonds and Tony Orlando. Wayne Newton opened his theater this year, and Bobby Vinton's Blue Velvet Theater will open this summer across the road from Andy Williams's Moon River Theater.

What guests get is a mix of amiable, G-rated entertainment and polished, thoroughly professional staging, exemplified by Tabuchi, a Suzuki-trained Japanese partial to rhinestonestudded juxedos. His show is an upbeat blend of country fiddle music, 1950s rock and Broadway show tunes, leading up to an elaborately staged finale celebrating God and country.

"We can fill buses to Branson, when we can't

send people anyplace else," said Sonny Chesson, a tour guide, who was shepherding a bus load of a senior citizens from Beaumont, Texas, from Tabuchi's theater.

Before schools let out for summer, crowds tend to be senior citizens and retirees, who, if inspired, can catch a breakfast show, matinee and evening performance at the theaters.

But during the summer it is jammed with families who come for the Lost Mine Mini-Golf, Outback Bungee Jump, Hound Dawg Holler and the maze of hillbilly geegaw emporiums, amusement parks, water slides and allyou-can-eat buffets that have turned the five miles of 76 Country Boulevard that form Branson's main street into a no-gambling, no-sin, Grated version of Las Vegas.

Today the most popular political bumper sticker touts Ross Perot, and this year's Bransoo anthem is Ray Stevens's anti-tax ditty "If 10 Percent Is Good Enough for Jesus (It Ought to Be Enough for Uncle Sam)."

"A few years back one of the local taverns brought in some male strippers," said Peter Herschend, who with his brother Jack owns the

immensely successful Silver Dollar City amusement park as well as other attractions in

"Withio 24 hours, the sheriff was at the front "Withio 24 hours, the sheriff was at the front door saying. We don't want that here," and within 72 hours they were gone. We've told our legislators don't even think about giving this area the authority to have gambling. We're offering squeaky clean family entertainment, and the public is responding."

Motels in Bransoo run about \$60 a night, shows are \$13 to \$20, roughly half what they might cost in New York or Las Vegas, and the main mode of dining is the budget all-you-can-

It may also be benefiting from an image totally opposite to that of urban America. Dexter Koehl of the Travel Industry Association of America said that from 1987 to 1989, 25 percent to 30 percent of people surveyed by his group cited big cities as places where they planned to vacation.

But this year, 18 percent cited cities, he said, and that was up from 13 percent two years ago.

"When you've got kids, it's hard to beat a place like this, where the air is clean and you

don't have to worry about safety," said Lisa

Smith of suburban St. Louis.

Within the world of country music, where Nashville is still where new artists make their name and where the recording, song writing and deal making goes on, Branson's brand of toe-tapping fiddle medleys of Mozart or Tchai-kovsky and "The Orange Blossom Special," is not everyooe's idea of a hot time.

OUNTRY Music Magazine dismissively labels it "Planet Branson."
Asked to assess the level of creativity in Branson, Amy Kurland, who owns Nashville's famous Bluebird Cafe replied: There isn't a creative level in Branson. Old country stars oever die. They just move to

One of the more grandiose business propos-als if to build an \$800 million railroad line from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to Branson.

"This is not real for the kind of shape the world is in today," said Whittier. "It's surreal, if you know what I mean. But like our tour guide said, this is like 'Field of Dreams.' You build it, and they will come. And, boy, have they come.



From left, Agnès Mellon as Créuse, Mark Padmore as Jason and Isabelle Desrochers as Clèone in "Médée."

Charpentier, in the Tracks of Lully

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

TRASBOURG - After the immense and much-traveled success of Lully's "Atys," the same team — led by William Christie and his Arts Florissants ensemble and the stage director Jean-Marie Villegier — has turned its attention to another monument of the late 17th century, Marc-An-

toine Charpentier's "Médée." Although Charpentier is known mainly as the composer of a vast body of religious music, he was no stranger to the theater, through his work with Molicre and his composition of a large oumber of small-scale operas. But it was not until after Lully's death in 1687, and with it the end of Lully's monopoly on productions for the Academie Royale, that Charpentier was able to turn freely to the large-scale tragedie

In Charpentier's theatrical output, "Medee" stands alone on the lofty level of Lully's best

By a curious twist of history, it was the Florentine Lully who became the founder of French opera, while it was the Parisian Charpentier, who had studied for a while in Rome,

who slightly Italianized the tragedie lyrique, pushing the heightened declamation of Lully a step or two in the direction of Italianate lyri-

That said, "Medee" remains a powerful work on the Lullian model. Its greatest drawback is perhaps that while Lully collaborated with a great poet, Quinault, in his greatest works, the book of "Medee" was supplied by the more eclectic and pedestrian Thomas Corneille, brothers of the forces Bloom When he begins his firm er of the famous Pierre. When he begins his five acts, Medea is already suspicious of the unfaithful Jason, so that in the course of the five acts and three and a half hours of the drama there seems to be a great deal of anecdotal activity before it arrives at its bloody denouement.

Carlo Tommasi devised a single set, a geo-metrical space, with a balcony and multiple openings for entrances and exits, that might be either ecclesiastical or palatial in character. It was given added flexibility by Bruno Boyer's lighting, and Patrice Cauchetier's richly decorated costumes presented the drama as an elaborate 17th-century entertainment.

Villegier's staging was often fluid and elegant. One of the best scenes was the one in which Jason and Crense flirt with each other in the presence of her confidente, Cleone, the

scene taking place in a masterfully choreo-graphed series of movements and poses. On the other hand, Medea's awesomely magical pow-ers were reduced to a succession of rather static

This production has a double cast, and in the performance in question it was dominated by the powerfully acted and richly sung Médèe of Lorraine Hunt. Mark Padmore was an elegant courtier of a Jason, but a pale figure beside this Médèe, while Agnès Mellon was a suitably seductive and ferminine Creuse. Bernard Deletre as Creon and Nicolas Rivenq as Oronte, Creuse's unlucky suitor, sang strongly in their rather perfunctory roles.

HRISTIE has lived with this music a long time -he recorded it nine years ago — and this showed in musical direction that was both eloquent and precise in a score that is full of rich and original music. The frequent danced episodes and divertissements were in the expert hands of Béatrice

After performances in Caen and Strasbourg. the production goes to the Opera Comique in Paris for 12 performances from June 15 to 30.

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Noël Coward: The Other Side of the Fence

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON - To Chichester comes a rare revival by Tim Luscombe of "Relative Values," the country-house party comedy that gave Noël Cow-ard his first postwar success in 1951 after a long operiod in the critical wilderness. It is nowhere **New York of the Country of the State of th

lo "Hay Fever," the Bliss family is a group of

over-the-top theatrical havies who, with the and Edward Duke head up a suitably Cowardly tacit approval of both dramatist and audience, set about demolishing the "normal" civilian outsiders who are unwise enough to pay them a weekend visit. But 30 years later, Coward's

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affections had switched from the theatricals to the civilians. In "Relative Values," when a Hollywood star about to marry the son of the house turns out to be the sister of the resident lady's maid and companion, she is swiftly dispatched back to the movies before she can threaten the stability of the stately homes of England, Susan Hampshire, Sarah Brightman Playing fleeting tribute to "Pygmalion,"

Coward turns the maid into a mistress for the purposes of his upstairs downstairs satire, but the mood is curiously insecure, as though in Attlee's Britain Coward could no longer decide which side of the social fence he wished to live on. As a result, "Relative Values" lacks the icy brilliance of the best of his "20s and "30s comedies, and almost the best thing here is Rob Howell's wonderfully sweeping set, one that almost manages to convert the wide-open spaces of the Chichester arena into the procenium-arch proportions for which the play was originally designed.

Cyndi Lauper Ponders Pop Longevity

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

EW YORK — Cyndi Lauper mused, during her set at Irving Plaza, on whether the Beach Boys sometimes wake up now and think they're the Beach Men.

Aging and longevity in the pop business are clearly ou Lauper's mind, 10 years after she ruled MTV as a bopping, squeaky-voiced, fun-loving girl and three years after her lack-luster third album, "A Night to Remember."

The 39-ven-old singer needs to prove her. The 39-year-old singer needs to prove herself as an adult performer without losing the

spunk of her first hits, and she now has the material and confidence to do just that.

Her set consisted of all the songs, in order, from her coming album, "Hat Full of Stars" (Epic). With ecuberant performances by Lamper and a first-rate band, the concert promised that even in the fragmented pop market of the 1990s there's still a place for an eclectic performer who wants her songs to have both private resonances and his potential.

For Lauper, pop is an outlet for benevolence; her songs usually promise love, un-qualified affection and emotional support: You can't define yourself in terms of someone else," she insists in "Dear John."

Other songs tell subtle stories, such as "Sal-

ly's Pigeons," a ballad written with Mary Chapin Carpenter about a childhood friend who dies after a "back alley job."

A few songs opened with a hip-hop drum-beat, although they quickly reverted to a jaunty Celtic-sounding march ("That's What 1 Think") or a pop-rock bounce ("Lies").

Three of her strongest songs looked back to the 1960s: "Who Let In the Rain," which draws on Brill Building rock and Bruce Springsteen's update of it, "Dear John," with a Rolling Stones-style slide-guitar riff, and "Like I Used To," which borrows from Motown's girl groups while rejecting their acqui-escence; "Ain't gonna be the way it used to."

Malawi's Banda, Last of the Old Postcolonial Strongmen, Is in Trouble

By Bill Keller New York Times Service

LILONGWE, Malawi- In the pantheon of Africa's Big Men, Life President Hastings Kamuzu Banda of Malawi has long occupied his own quirky niche: part African, part Victorian, part Mussolini, part Monty Python.

To casual travelers in Africa, Mr. Banda is the homburg-hatted disciplinarian who to this day forbids bell-bottom pants and overthe collar hair for men as signs of moral decadence. His government banned the Si-mon and Garfunkel song "Cecilia" as offensive to the woman the unmarried president calls his "official hostess," Cecilia Tamanda

To more serious students of the continent, he is one of the last of the original postcolo-nial strongmen. Backed by the bullying of his red-shirted Youth League and the charity of a West that liked his reliable anti-communism. Mr. Banda built a redoubt against the whims of the modern world and aged into his 90s without having to suffer the voices of opposi-

But these days, he finds himself hobbling through a marathon of high-pomp campaign rallies aimed at resuscitating his personality

On June 14, residents of this sliver of Southeast Africa are to chose in a referendum between Mr. Banda's autocracy and a multiparty system. Despite the president's efforts to cajole or frighten his 9 million subjects into line, even officials in Mr. Banda's own party privately concede that there is a chance they could lose, and a certainty that either way Malawi's days as a one-man state are num-

What most infuriates Mr. Banda's men is that much of the pressure for change comes from the United States and Britain, donors who doted on him during the Cold War but who now push democratization.

"This is a sort of religion for them," fumed Hetherwick Ntaba, the minister of health and spokesman for the ruling Malawi Congress Party. "You cannot have a country sticking out as a one-party state, especially a little state like Malawi, when Russia and all the big boys have been defeated."

Dr. Banda - he earned a medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, on a church scholarship -led the protests that won independence from British rule in 1964 and within two years had consolidated all power in his own hands. Besides being head of state and party leader, he is the minister of agriculture, foreign affairs, justice and public works, the owner ("in trust" for his people) of a huge monopoly that controls tobacco farms, factories, oil, banking and insurance, the rector of the national university and the dominant figure in Malawi's Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

His face stares serenely from coins and banknotes, from the walls of every shop and office and from the backs and bosoms of his adoring Women's Leaguers, who shimmy for him in dresses cut from bright cotton jubilee cloth printed with his visage.

"He just became a god, that one," said Mordecai Msisha, a lawyer and a leader in one of the two main opposition groups that have surfaced in the past year, the Alliance

for Democracy. Even Mr. Banda's critics concede he never sank to the levels of brutality and greed achieved by some of his postcolonial African contemporaries. Malawi is peaceful, tidy, hard-working and comparatively efficient, with little crime and no tribal warfare.

But order had its price. Rivals and possible successors were pushed into prison or exile; some died in mysterious accidents that opponents say now merit investigation. Censorship and fear held the population in silence.

In a country where most live without running water or electricity, the official style is imperial. Mr. Banda commutes among three state houses, a cottage on Lake Malawi and a lodge in the north, making his way from his Lear Jet along a red carpet to his fleet of spitpolished British luxury cars.

As he has aged - like many Africans, he

rie of fearful yes-men. More and more he depends on the official hostess, a former nurse who has worked for him since 1958, and her uncle, John Tembo, now the minister of state and the despised target of every complaint Malawians fear to direct at the

president himself. "The life president is still in charge, but I don't think he knows completely what is going on," said Alcke Banda (no relation to the president) a former general secretary of the Malawi Congress Party who, after 12 years in prison for falling afoul of Mr. Banda, is now a leader of another opposition group, the United Democratic Front. "The ministers come to him and tell him the whole country is

Mr. Banda's acolytes still orchestrate lavish displays of his people's love, but the

illusion has worn thin. When the president arrived home to Blan-

says he does not know his birth date, but it was about the turn of the century — Mr. Banda has seemed more isolated by his cotety cards and praised one-party rule to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. A Blantyre schoolboys' choir, echoing the party line that pluralism means tribal and religious conflict, sang: "Ladies and gentlemen, don't listen to multiparty, because that is death, that is war."

But the president could hardly have missed the fact that, aside from the performers based in for the occasion, the parade ground was almost empty.

At a fabric shop in the city, a clerk scis-sored lengths of jubilee cloth, noting that she could go to jail if she sliced across the presidential visage.

A year ago she would not have dared speak so openly to a stranger. A year ago she would have donned her presidential dress and gone ont to dance for the president. Now, she said. change is coming, and "we are praying for it."

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alive," recalled Mr. Krug, who estimated that the fugitive lived in Hohenau for about a year. "He said Mengele carried two pistols with him all the time.'

What may be a final flurry was provoked by the discovery this year of the archives of the Stroessnerera secret police. After the dictator was deposed in a 1989 coup, Paramayan police officials maintained that all the files had been de-

But two tons of archives were discovered in December at a police station outside of Asunción. In February, a researcher found a 1961 report signed by the former recalled Martin Bormann. head of the Interior Ministry's foreign affairs department.

Bormann, one of Hitler's top aides, the Eastern entered Paraguay in 1956 and died Paraguay.

in Asunción in 1959. In Paraguay. the official wrote, he lived in Ho-

The police memorandum has been disputed by many Nazi hunters, including Simon Wiesenthal. Most historians believe that Bormann committed suicide in Berlin

The other man — Brommer? Bormann? - I really don't know much about that," said Mr. Krug, studying a 50-year-old photo. "I guess my uncle had both of them in

Up in the woods, at the Hotel Tirol Mrs. Reynaers paused from knitting socks. Yes, she said, she

"No, you do not," interrupted gn affairs department. her hisband, Armand, a 74-year-According to the report, Martin old war veteran who had served on the Eastern Front before coming to

Army Ousts Guatemala Leader After Week of One-Man Rule

Elias was forced from office by the armed forces Tuesday, a week after he dissolved the legislature and

declared one-man rule. The defense minister, General José Domingo Garcia Samayoa, was to take over temporarily as chief of state, lawmakers said.

Fernando Linares, a deputy in the legislature, said General García "has taken control this morning after strong talks with Serrano."

The speaker of the House, José Lobo, was more direct. "The military has purged Serrano," he said.

Mr. Linares, a member of the opposition National Center Union, said the military had wanted to stay out of politics "but it cannot because the crisis is very

The country's official human rights investigator, Ramiro de León Carpio, also confirmed that Mr.

Serrano had been deposed. There were reports that General Garcia would convene the Congress on Wednesday to choose a civilian to complete Mr. Serrano's term as president.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

GUATEMALA CITY — President Jorge Serrano

Earlier Tuesday, members of the Congress and the Constitutional Court were summoned to the National Palace amid rumors of the president's impending

Hundreds of people outside the palace shouted their support for democracy as the deputies arrived. "Serra-no has fallen, Serrano has fallen," they cheered. One lawmaker said Mr. Serrano stepped down after receiving an ultimatum from the military, business

leaders and trade unions. He said Mr. Serrano had spoken with the leaders of various political parties and proposed restoring the constitution, with Mr. Serrano remaining as president. But when the others failed to agree, General Garcia

asked for Mr. Serrano's resignation.

A military source said, "There were several commanders who still supported Serrano, but there were more officers who preferred returning to institutional

Inside the National Palace, large tables were being assembled to seat the defense minister at the center, flanked by members of the high command, according In front of the National Palace, political leaders, former presidential candidates, among them Jorge Carpio, gathered in anticipation of a formal military

Sources also said Mr. Serrano was seeking political asylum at an embassy in Guatemala City, possibly

In announcing his seizure of special powers on May

25. Mr. Serrano said he was acting because the country was sliding into "anarchy" after two weeks of violent protests over declining living standards.

Mr. Serrano, 48, was elected to a five-year term in 1990 and took office in January 1991. Until Tuesday, Mr. Serrano appeared to retain the support of the armed forces, a powerful institution in a country with a long history of military dictatorships.

But other sectors began to desert him soon after he took absolute power. The United States, the European Community and Japan announced the suspension of tens of millions of

dollars in aid, and the Organization of American

States was to meet Thursday to consider sanctions.

Mr. Serrano announced Saturday that he would call political parties to redraft a constitution within 90 days, put it to a referendum and hold elections for a new legislature.

The Supreme Electoral Tribunal, however, refused to schedule elections, further eroding the legitimacy of

Mr. Serrano's government. Mr. Serrano's resignation came hours after he vowed to stay on as president despite virtually univer-sal opposition to his decree, and dismissed as "totally

reports that the Central American country's armed forces were planning to withdraw their support. Flanked by his vice president, Gustavo Espina SalThe state of

guero, and General Garcia, Mr. Serrano amounced his resignation in an address broadcast on Guasemalan television and radio.

On Sunday, General Garcia fueled rumors that Mr. Serrano would step aside after he refused to express total support for the president and told the members of an Organization of American States fact-finding mission that the army supported a quick return to (AP, Reuters, APP, UPI) constitutional rule.

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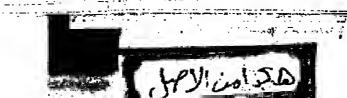
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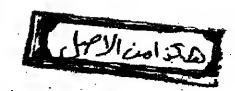
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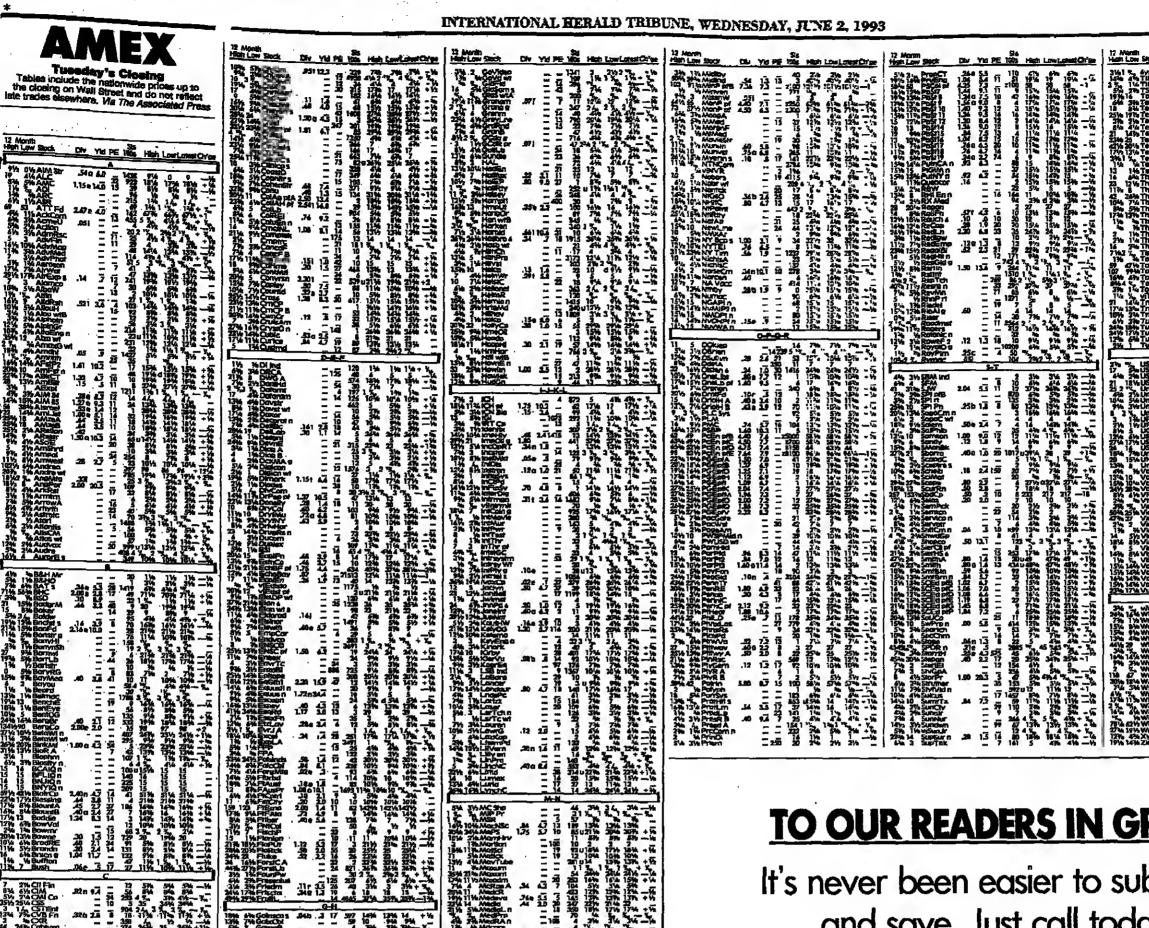
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Europe, but its criticism has had no visible effect so far.

Its report calls for governments to recognize that "low-productivity jobs warrant the payment of only a low wage." Low-wage jobs perform a useful function, the report says, by introducing young people to work and providing a port of entry into the economy to immigrant workers.

The report acknowledges that such jobs risk creating a class of "working poor." But it argues that this risk can be offset through training that permits low-wage workers to acquire the skills needed to move up.

By setting high minimum wages, it says, Europe has transformed the problem so that

"instead of being working poor, unskilled workers are unemployed." It argues that wage subsidies directed at families with low overall incomes will be more

cost-effective than high minimum wages in alleviating poverty in working households.

In addition, it urges an overhall of payroll taxes so that social programs can be financed by other taxes that may have less of an impact

on employment. The secretariat says that "one overriding re-quirement" of any effort to redress the situation and ensure stable growth is that "policy must be credible."

By this it means that although inflation is at its lowest levels in 30 years in most countries, monetary policy needs to remain aimed at keeping it low, so that short-term and long-term interest rates can be kept as low as possible. Budget deficits are bound to increase as tax

"substantial" and largely structural, the secre-tariat sees little room for fiscal policy to be

It urges a rapid completion of the protracted relaxed. Uruguay Round of talks on liberalizing the world trading system, saying that "the progressive liberalization of trade over nearly half a century has been the most powerful driving that the progressive liberalization of trade over nearly half a century has been the most powerful driving the liberalization of trade over nearly half a century has been the most powerful driving the liberalization of trade over nearly half a century has been the most powerful driving the liberalization of the liberalizatio FRIB INDEX force behind economic growth and rising stan-

The OECD, however, has no specific proposals for breaking the logiam in the trade negotiations. Bilateral meetings among trade ministers are expected to help pave the way for more dards of living." meaningful discussion.

The secretariat also says it will seek instruction from member governments on how to proceed in its relations with nonmembers. Mexico and South Korea are seeking entry, and Mexico is likely to be admitted once the planned North American Free Trade Association with Canada and the United States be-

comes a reality. The OECD, which already has informal relations with the former Communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as some of the newly industrializing Asian economies, is eager to open a dialogue with China, which says is "now a major actor on the world economic stage." But because China does not meet the organization's democratic criteria, the secretariat is asking governments how it should

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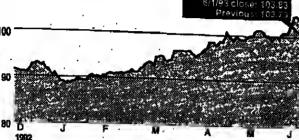
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MEDIA MARKETS

A Green Cause Flourishes In the Magazine Industry

By Deirdre Carmody New York Times Service

EW YORK - To draw attention to curvironmental concerns two years ago, Times Mirror Magazines said that it would donate to environmental causes part of the revenues from any advertisements that included an environmental message. At that time, advertising revenues were at a low point throughout the magazine industry, and many people won-dered bow long it would be before pragmatism overcame idealism

and the company scrapped the program.

But Times Mirror has stuck to its gans, even as ad pages have remained fitful. For every ad in its 11 magazines that includes an

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environmental message of 15 words or more, Times Mirror mates 2.5 percent of the net Evenue to the Partnership for Environmental Education. More than 100 companies have participated and Times Mirror has donated more than \$125,000

to the partnership.

While the Times Mirror program is unusual, it underscores a trend in which magazines are increasingly associating themselves with causes. Self magazine, which writes about fitness and health, is bollaborating with several mursing schools to conduct seminars about women's health issues. Every year, Mirabella, which also focuses on women's health, donates \$1,000 to causes for each page of advertising in its June issue. This year, the magazine will give about \$60,000 to foundations dealing with cancer, heart disease and psychiatric care. Times Mirror magazines are mostly sporting publications, including Field & Stream, Outdoor Life and Ski. So far, the Times Mirror program has given out 25 grants, ranging from a few hundred dollars to \$6,000. Recipients include teacher-training projects, a composting-demonstration site and a migratory-bird servation program. High school students in Nome, Alaska, received \$1,000 to purchase a tank for use as an incubator to learn about the spawning of Pacific salmon. Another \$2,500 was given to elementary students at P. S. 132 in the Bronx to restore a woodland.

"Generally, all the projects are related to our magazines," said Francis Pandolfi, publisher of Times Mirror Magazines. "Our only Francis Pandolfi, publisher of Times Mirror Magazines. "Our only requirement is that the project have a tangible impact."

Times Mirror was not the only company trying to tie in magazines with the environment in 1991. That spring, Hearst Magazines launched Countryside, a lush publication filled with pictures of green pastures and old-fashioned gardens. Hearst said it would establish the Countryside Preservation Trust program with advertising revenues from Countryside's first issue. True to its word, the company contributed \$240,000 to the trust.

EC Backs Job Rules And U.K. **Vows Suit**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche LUXEMBOURG - The European Community, setting aside British objections, approved new measures Tuesday on worker pro-tection, including a maximum 48-hour work week, but London im-mediately exid by a world obstinger mediately said it would challenge the decision in court.

The package was approved in a vote by EC social affairs ministers. Britain abstained from the decision. The British employment secretary, David Hunt, said the measures had already been toned down considerably and would have limit-

ed effect on his country. "We have drawn most of the teeth of this directive," Mr. Hunt said. But he added, "We still intend to challenge the validity. It's an abuse of the treaty."

The measures adopted on Tuesday set a maximum 48-hour workweek, including overtime, a minimum of 11 hours of rest during any 24-hour period and a minimum four-week annual vacation.
The ministers' decision still must

be ratified by the European Parlia-ment. EC members will have three years to carry out the directive after its final adoption.

Britain won extensive opt-outs,

including a 10-year exemption to the maximum work week, Workers also will be allowed to voluntarily exceed the 48-hour limit. But the British government said that the measures had been introduced under false pretenses and could set a dangerous precedent.

Britain has termed the EC strategy to adopt the package as a health and fair-trade measure a bid to force social policy through the back

For that reason, Mr. Hunt said, We shall now be taking our fight to the European Court."

The EC ministers exempted the transportation, fishing and off-shore-oil industries from the labor measures, along with seasonal and hospital work. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

Britain Claims Success Pound's Independence From EC Hailed

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Officials of the European Community may disagree but U.K. businessmen and economists overwhelmingly insist that Britain's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism last September marked a major

turning point for the economy.

"Interest rates are now down to sensible levels, and that is a direct result of our coming out of the ERM," said Ian Hanford. chairman of the policy unit at the Federation of Small Businesses.

With the price of borrowing in Britain now among the lowest in Europe and growth in its economy among the fastest, few people look back at the country's ties to the exchange-rate structure with

anything other than hostility.
"In the United Kingdom, ERM is very much a dirty word," said Ian Amstad, an economist with Bankers Trust.

The Financial Times reported Tuesday that a paper to be presented to the European Community's monetary committee said the EC Commission believed Britain could more easily rebalance its fiscal and monetary poli-

denied that the paper took this

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Clarke, has said that Britain likely would remain outside the system for the life of the current parliament. That widely held view could put re-entry off until

1997 at the earliest. Not only are Britons pleased with the steady rise in the na-tion's economic fortunes since September, but few profess to see anything enticing about the fate of those European nations that remain within the system.
"I think Europe is in a dread-

cies outside the exchange-rate ful mess and that there is not mechanism. An EC spokesman much good to be had by being tied to it at the moment," said Christopher Dow, a visiting fellow at the National Institute for Economic and Social Research and a former economic director for the Bank of England.

In hindsight, experts in Britain as well as at the Bundesbank have concluded that sterling entered the system at ton high an exchange rate, one that had painful consequences for the nation's exporters. With the pound hav-ing lost 15 percent of its value against its major EC trading partners since the currency was floated in September, British ex-porters are enjoying long unac-customed success.

So positive has Britain's experience proven that some people fear a backlash on the far shores of the Channel.

"In a sense. Britain is stealing growth from other countries," said Glenn Davies, chief econo-mist for Crédit Lyonnais in London. He believes this is "particularly dangerous" because it would be easy far others to

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Brussels Disavows Support for Pullout

By Tom Buerkle tional Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — European Community officials on Tuesday sought to reject any hint of support for Britain's withdrawal from the EC exchange-rate mechanism, although they conceded that the move was benefiting the British economy at the moment. A spokesman for Henning Christophersen, the

EC commissioner for economic and financial af-fairs, devied a published report that the EC Com-mission had decided Britain was right to pull out of the exchange-rate mechanism during last Septem-

ber's currency crisis.

The spokesman said Mr. Christophersen continued to believe that a floating exchange-rate policy could not work in the long term and expected Britain to rejoin the mechanism "at some stage at a sustainable exchange rate."

He added, however, that such a re-entry was neither likely nor desirable in the short term, A report in the Financial Times said that a commission paper assessing British plans to pre-pare its economy for a single European currency

concluded that the government could get its poli-cies in order more easily outside of the exchangerate grid, balancing an easy interest-rate policy with a tighter budget stance.

A senior German official acknowledged that the British economy had benefited from lower interest rates following the devaluation and withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism, But he said the commission would never be "so stupid" as to endorse Britain's withdrawal, which would call into question the Community's fundamental goal of community is fundamental goal of strengthening the mechanism on the way toward a single currency by the end of the decade.

Devaluation is "the way to hell" and not a viable long-term economic strategy, the official said.

Still, officials welcomed Britain's recent submission of an economic program for convergence, the EC term for bringing member states' economies into line to prepare for a common currency. The program outlines plans to reduce the government deficit from 8 percent of gross domestic product in the year that began April 1, to 3.75 percent in 1997-98.

Americans Open **Tap on Savings As Incomes Stall**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON — Americans' incomes stagnated in April but they tapped their savings and spent generously anyway, government figures showed Tuesday.

Incomes were unchanged at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$5.26 trillion, breaking a string of four consecutive increases, the Commerce Department said. They had risen 0.6 percent in March.

Personal-consumption spending, meanwhile, jumped I percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$4.28 trillion. It was the strongest increase in six months,

"It's a very simple story: People spent a lot of money in April but they didn't get any," said David Wyss, an economist with DRI-McGraw Hill.

Economists expected no change in income and a 0.8 percent in-

crease in spending.
The combination produced the lowest savings rate - or savings as a percentage of income - in five months. It was 4.3 percent in April,

down from 5.3 percent in March.
Two other reports also depicted
a struggling economy.
An index of manufacturing ac-

tivity grew modestly in May, to 51.1 percent from 49.7 percent, the National Association of Purchasing Management said.
But a subindex on employment fell to the lowest level in 16 months,

to 43.4 percent in May from 44.4 percent a month earlier. A reading below 48 in the subindex is general ly associated with declining factory employment.
The Commerce Department said construction spending failed to re-bound in April after severe winter

weather in March. Spending fell 0.4
percent in April following a 0.1
percent decline in March.
"I interpret this as more indication that there is no movement in terms of construction, or the econ-omy as a whole," said Michael Car-liner, an economist with the National Association of Home

Most analysts expect economic growth, which registered an anemic

0.9 percent annual rate during the first three months of this year, will improve to about a 3 percent rate during the second half.

But they said that forecast was endangered by the taxes in Presi-dent Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction plan and expected in his

health-care package.

Evelina Tainer, an economist with Prime Economic Consulting in Chicago, said: "I see more and more uncertainty now. Businesses don't want to hire people because they don't know what's going to happen. The plans are for higher taxes and there's nothing there to

promote job growth."

Real disposable income — or inflation-adjusted income after taxes fell 0.4 percent in April, after a 0.6 percent increase in March and a 0.2 percent decline in February. Consumer spending, meanwhile,

surged 4.2 percent for such dura-ble-goods items as cars and com-(AP, Bloomberg)

Miyazawa Cuts A Cutting Quip

The Associated Press TOKYO — Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said top U.S. officials were promoting mis-guided trade policies because of inexperience. Minutes later he retracted the remark.

They've just come to the government, so they probably don't understand very well," he said during the taping of a television interview. After a commercial break, however, Mr. Mryazawa said be was re-tracting the comment "be-cause we don't want anything that might be rude."

The statements were con-firmed Tuesday by a TV Asahi staff member responsible for the program. When the interview was broadcast late Monday, both remark and retrac-tion were deleted, he said.

Australia Restricts Northwest Flights

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY — The Australian government on Tuesday restricted Northwest Airlines flights as of the

Northwest Airlines flights as of the end of June, despite U.S. threats of retaliation against Qantas Airways.
Three weekly Northwest flights to Sydney will be canceled, but Northwest can reapply for two flights to be reinstated, Transport and Communications Minister Bob Collins said.

Northwest currently originates the flights in New York with a stop in Osaka, Japan, before heading to

For almost two years, Northwest has not met an Australian demand that no more than half the Sydneybound passengers originate in Osaka. The other half must board in

The airline says the rule unfairly limits its Japanese operations and violates the U.S.-Australian aviation treaty. Reinstatement of two of the

flights will be given only if North-west agrees to limit to 50 percent the number of passengers it picks up on the Osaka-Sydney leg of the flights, Mr. Collins said. The Japanese route is considered

a incrative one, and Qantas, Austra-lia's flag carrier, has been auxious to preserve its share of travelers. The U.S. Transportation De-partment has warned that it would

revoke three of Qantas's 10 direct flights between Los Angeles and Sydney if sanctions were imposed

on Northwest. On Tuesday, a spokesman said the department was considering whether any additional steps were necessary.

Qantas said in a statement that it fully supported the Australian gov-ernment's decision. Managing Di-rector John Ward said that the response Washington apparently had in mind would be "heavy-handed and unwarranted."

He added that Qantas complied with its air-services obligations on trans-Pacific flights and should not be "penalized for Northwest's

Japanese tourism to Australia, which accounts for 22 percent of all visitors to the country, would not be hurt by the government's deci-

While Quntas said it and Japan Air Lines could "accommodate heen booked on Northwest flights," David Mishkin, Northwest's vice president for interna-tional and regulatory affairs, said that "thousands of passengers will

He also said that U.S. retaliation would be automatic on the day the Northwest flights are canceled, on

A Japanese Transport Ministry official said of the dispute: "It is basically a matter between Australia and the United States. But we are carefully watching developments."
(AP, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP)

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Stocks and Bonds Take the High Road

NEW YORK - Shares pushed higher Tuesday in reaction to a celerating the slide. surge in U.S. Treasury bond prices and a sharp fall on the gold markets

as inflation fears receded. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 24.91 points to

N.Y. Stocks

3.552.34, with some program buying also accounting for the gain. The average soured as high as 3,569.50 in midafternoon, before

easing on computer-driven selling. Advancing issues outpaced de-cliners by a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. About 230 million shares changed hands. after 255 million shares Friday. The exchange was closed Monday

for a holiday. Standard & Poor's 500 Index gained 3.64 to 453.83, approaching its record closing high of 456.34, set March 10. Gold stocks registered the biggest declines in the index. with Echo Bay Mines losing 1 to 114. Newmont Mining Corp. fallning 2% to 50%, and Homestake Mining dropping 1% to 17%. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 3.75 to 704.28, just below its

record close of 708.85, set Feb. 4. The growing perception that President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction package will gain approval in the Senate sent bond yields to

their lowest levels in three weeks.

Gold dropped on the same sentiment, with some profit-taking acThe Dow

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rallied 1 9/32 to 103 3/32, pushing the yield down to 6.88 percent, its lowest closing yield since May 12.

Gold for June delivery fell \$8.80, to \$369.50 an ounce, on the New York Commodity Exchange.

Traders said stocks also found support in a Purchasing Management report showing a pickup in manufacturing activity in May.

Jim Solloway, director of research at Argus Research Corp., said that while the data were not surprising, they were "greeted with relief by invesiors.

Technology stocks, a key element in the Dow's move to record levels last week, headed higher.

Hewlett-Packard was up 2¼ at 85%, Intel rose 4% to 115%, Motorola gained 2% to 83%, and Micro-

Affiliated Publications Inc. rose 4 to 134. The publisher of the Boston Globe was reportedly discussing a merger with The New AMR Corp. gained 1% to 72%.

Its American Airlines unit will start to lay off pilots by Aug. 31 as part of a plan to reduce costs, published

reports said. (Knight-Ridder, UPI, Bloomberg)

Dollar Regains Ground After Record Yen Low

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar finished little changed here Tuesday against major currencies, but recovered from a record low against the yen amid speculation that the

Foreign Exchange Federal Reserve was buying to

stem the slide. The pound tumbled, meanwhile. on concern that Britain's new chancellor of the Exchequer would be more willing than his predecessor to lower interest rates to spur eco-

nomic growth. The U.S. currency fell to a post-World War II low of 106,550 yen in strengthened to 1.4185 Swiss francs London trading. It recovered in from 1.4170. New York to finish at 107.025 yea. The U.S. up from 106,950 Friday. The dollar mild lift from Tuesday's slightly closed at 1.5868 Deutsche marks bullish report from the National

from 1.5880 Friday.
Currency trading in both London and New York slowed to a trickle Tuesday because of a long holiday weekend.

The Fed bought dollars aggresshopes that the Bundesbank would sively last week after the U.S. curlower German interest rates at its rency started its most recent tum- council meeting Thursday. ble. Tuesday's purchases probably

"The Fed's recent intervention is making people think twice about selling the dollar," said Steve Flan-agan, at Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

The dollar went into a tailspin last Tuesday after the Treasury Department issued a report saying a strong ven could help curb Japan's trade surplus, Such endorsements from the U.S. administration have helped the yen gain more than 14 percent against the dollar since the beginning of the year.

The pound sank to \$1,5525 from \$1.5617 on Friday. The dollar rose to 5,3600 French

francs from 5.3550 Friday, It The U.S. currency received a

Association of Purchasing Man-The mark had a good day relative to other European currencies, particularly the pound, on fading hopes that the Bundesbank would

In London, a modest late rally

Daily closings of the Dow Jones Industrial average. Standard & Poor's Indexes 516.94 521.44 54.48 +4.04 391.12 384.74 390.51 +5.79 170.49 166.27 169.63 +1.56 43.44 42.99 43.22 +0.31 455.61 450.19 453.61 +3.64 472.53 417.56 420.39 +2.83 NYSE indexes NASDAQ Indexes DJFMAM 1993 **NYSE Most Actives** AMEX Stock Index 74公司的专业公司49574964 有当年 High Low Close Charge 439.31 438.07 438.60 + 0.38 +021 +014 +038 **Market Sales AMEX Most Actives** HANDER TO LEAST TO STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading NYSE Diary S&P 100 Index Options Close 825 1814 680 2519 67 **Amex Diary** Close Prev. NASDAQ Diary LONG GILT (LIFFE)

NEW YORK - Affiliated Publications Inc., publisher of the Boston

Globe Reportedly Rejects Bid

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Globe, bas rejected an informal merger offer from The New York Times Co., according to a report published Tuesday. The Wall Street Journal quoted unidentified sources as saying a merger was being negotiated, and Affiliated bad rejected a proposal valued at about \$15.50 a share, or \$1.09 billion. Both sides declined to comment.

Alfiliated reported a first-quarter profit this year of \$5.6 million. The

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121-year-old Globe has a daily circulation of 505,000. The Times weekday circulation of 1.2 million and 1.8 million on Sunday. The Times owns a half interest in the International Herald Tribune.

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e spering Te Alcoa, Reynolds Reach Labor Accord

CLEVELAND (AP) — Leaders of two unions representing 17.000 aluminum industry workers in 18 states recommended on Tuesday that their membership accept three-year contract agreements with Alcoa and

Reynolds Metals Inc.

The United Steelworkers of America and the Aluminum, Brick and
The United Steelworkers of America and the Aluminum, Brick and Glass Workers unions reached tentative agreement early Tuesday, Union,

members authorized a strike last week.

Under the proposals, workers would be paid 50 cents more an hour and given a pension increase of \$2 a month per year of service. The proposals also require employees to bear a share of health-care costs.

US West to Buy Up Long-Term Debt

DENVER (UPI) — US West Inc. said Thesday it would buy back 11 long-term debt issues totaling \$1.5 billion to take advantage of current

US West said the cost of early redemptions would reduce 1993 interest rates. earnings, but also said profits would improve because of interest savings from replacing the issues for its US West Communications subsidiary with lower-cost debt.

The redemptions were expected to reduce second-quarter earnings by \$50 million, or 12 cents a share. However, interest-expense reductions in the second half of 1993 will cut the impact by 2 cents a share.

Hewlett Licenses No-Wire Interface

PALO ALTO, California (Bloomberg) — Hewlett-Packard Co., the second-largest U.S. computer maker, said Tuesday it had licensed a new control of the control o infrared communications protocol to leading chip, work-station and communications makers to help establish a world standard.

Hewlett-Packard said the Serial Infrared communications interface would allow personal computers to transmit data without a physical connection. It would work like a cellular phone.

Hewlett-Packard's licensees include leading semiconductor makers

Intel and VLSI Technology Inc.; the work-station giant Sun, which established its own mobile computer unit earlier this year; and Group Bull SA's Zenith Data Systems, a PC maker.

N.Y. Life Unit to Acquire Aetna U.K.

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — The British subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Co. agreed Tuesday to acquire Aetna U.K. in a transaction that could raise its assets in Britain to about \$1.5 billion. The agreement gives New York Life a strong presence in the Britisk

employee-benefits market and sets the stage for future expansion if Europe, a company spokesman said.

Aetna U.K., with about \$400 million in assets, is the second-largest

provider of employee benefits in Britam, the company said. Terms were not disclosed.

NW Pilots Call Pact 'Badly Flawed'

the company equity and three of the 15 board seats.

MINNEAPOLIS (Bloomberg) — In a letter to members, negotiators for the Northwest Airlines pilots Tuesday criticized proposed concessions for the Northwest Airlines pilots Tuesday criticized proposed concessions as unacceptable and "badly flawed." The pilots noted they would get only one board seat while giving up 41 percent of the concession dollars.

O.C. Miller, head of the Air Line Pilots Association's master executive council, said the plan already agreed to by Northwest's two largest unions would "force onerous, unfair and unacceptable terms upon us as pilots."

Northwest has asked the pilots to give up \$365 million of the \$886 million in wages and benefits that the airline wants to cut over the next three years. In return all Northwest employees would get 30 percent of three years. In return, all Northwest employees would get 30 percent of

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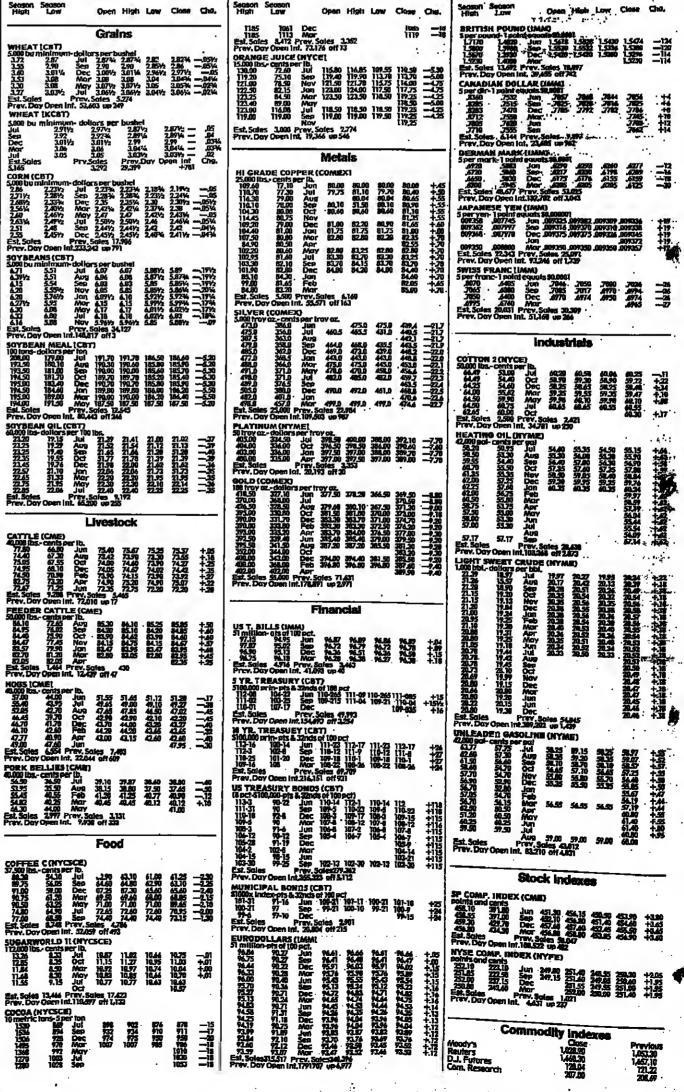
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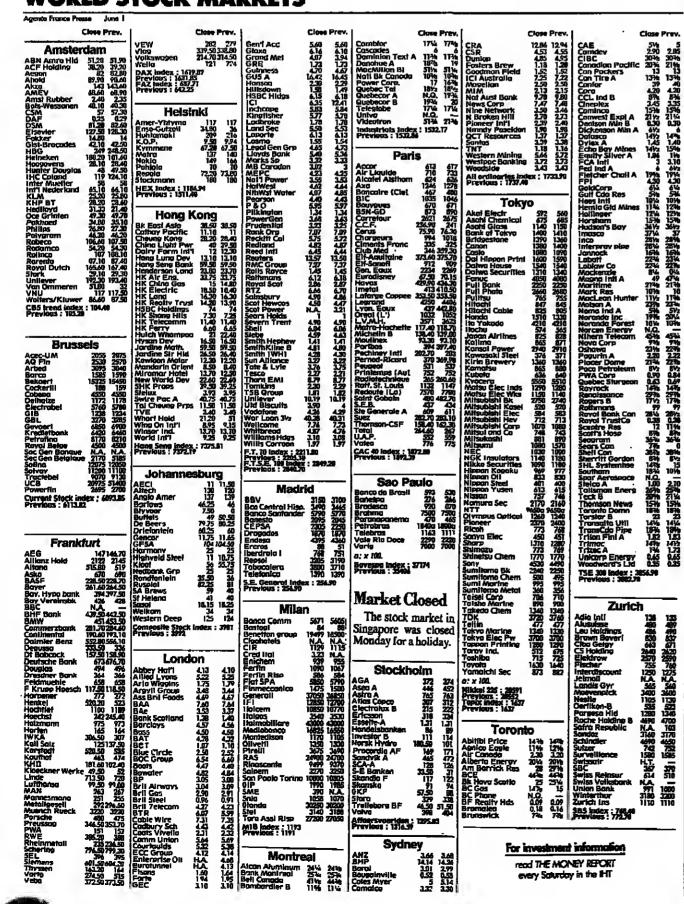
For the Record

Ames Department Stores Inc. directors and several investment firms agreed to pay \$41 million to settle lawsuits alleging that they concealed information about the company's slide into bankruptcy. (Bloomberg) R.H. Macy & Co. plans to launch a 24-hour cable-television channel that will feature merchandise from the department stores. (Reuters)

U.S. FUTURES



WORLD STOCK MARKETS



Steering Tatra Back on Track Chrysler Veteran Works to Save Czech Truckmaker

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

KOPRIVNICE, Czech Republic - Six months ago, Gerald Greenwald, a former vice chairman of Chrysler Corp., got a phone call from a lawyer friend in Paris: could be help salvage Tatra, the Czech Re-public's oldest truck company, which was saddled with debt and stalled production and caught in a scam involving 2,500 trucks

and the Libyan government?

After several trips to the plant, a lot of questions to management and negotiations with local banks, Mr. Greenwald, who knows something about automakers who cannot pay their bills, is now the turnsround expert in charge of Tatra. The company's off-road trucks - engineered so each wheel has individual suspension - traverse terrain where others fear to tread, hanling oil and humber through Siberia, the Middle East and the

"We said we would be happy to help if Tatra could convince us that their product was of equal quality and performance to the competition but of lower cost," said a buoyant Mr. Greenwald, sitting in the ninthfloor Tatra executive suite under a portrait of President Vaclav Havel. From there he could see the factory that stopped production earlier this year when parts makers, fed up with unpaid bills, stopped shipping to Tatra.

We came here; we drove the trucks; we listened to the department heads, and we concluded the truck really is a very good product," Mr. Greenwald said.

The 57-year-old Mr. Greenwald was Chrysler's chief negotiator with bankers and others when the No. 3 automaker was desperately trying to avoid bankruptcy in

1979. He became Lee Iacocca's No. 2 man, a spot he held until leaving the company in

His arrival in the Moravian countryside 150 miles east of Prague came as several Western investments in the former Soviet bloc had come asunder, victims of recession in the West and the realization that streamlining old communist companies may not be

The understanding is that after two years, the U.S. advisers will get 15 percent of Tatra.

as easy as originally believed. Mercedes-Benz and Iveco, the Italian truck company, abandoned separate negotiations with Ta-

tra last year.

Mr. Greenwald and his partners, Jack Rutherford and David Shelby, two former International Harvester Co. executives who have a Chicago investment firm, are doing

things differently.

They say that they have invested a token amount but that they will lend their expertise in finance and auto manufacturing for an annual fee that Mr. Rutherford insists is modest by American standards. The understanding is that after two years they will get 15 percent of Tatra.

They will visit the plant about once a month and a Belgian businessman, Pierre Lagasse, will be there almost full time, Mr. Greenwald said.

If Mr. Greenwald, battle-tested in the American auto industry, can successfully use his skills in the Czech Republic, everyone wins. The country preserves one of its important employers. Tatra gets a savior and Mr. Greenwald and friends wind up with a share in a company that has a market niche and a visible brand name that many in Europe's auto industry consider a potential gem. What's more, the plant is in better shape than most auto plants in Eastern

toured several. Tatra's engineering traditions stretch back to the late 19th century, when it pro-duced Central Europe's first car and then made racers and rail carriages.

Europe, said the Americans, who had

One of his first tasks here, as it was at Chrysler, was to persuade suppliers to ship and to get rid of surplus stock. In 1979, Mr. Greenwald had to sell off at discouot an overproduction of thousands of unsold cars and trucks. This year, Tatra must sell about 2,000 yellow trucks produced for Libya, which are now parked in long lines on the Tatra test track behind the factory.

According to Mr. Greenwald, Tatra's Czech management, desperate for sales after their market collapsed in Russia, agreed to send 2,500 trucks, or more than half last year's production, to Libys. The trucks were dispatched but the \$52 million for them never arrived, exacerbating Tatra's already

severe liquidity problems.

With the help of lawyers, most of the trucks have been retrieved from points in Europe where they were sent before they would have gone on to Libya. The company got ripped off bad," Mr.

Rutherford said. But we've got approximately 2,000 back and we spiffed them up. We've moved about a thousand of them.

BAe Agrees to Sell Its Corporate-Jets Unit to Raytheon

Compiled by Our Staff From Depotates LONDON - British Aerospace PLC disclosed Tuesday that it had agreed to sell its corporate-jets business to Raytheon Co. of the United States for £250 million (\$390 million).

As part of the overall deal, Raytheon will acquire the snare capital of Arkansas Aerospace, 3 British Aerospace unit based in Little Rock. Arkansas, that fits out business jets to customer specifica-nons and maintains airplanes.

The corporate-jets division designs, builds and sells the 125-800 and 125-1000 business airplanes, the latest version of a line that first went into service in 1964. The unit also provides support to more than 800 125-series business jets in service.

The division has been on the market since last year. A first round of talks with Raytheon ended in failure in September. Raytheon makes a line of Beech-

craft tourist and business aircraft aimed at the low end of the market. while BAe sells to the higher end. The corporate-jets division operates out of Chester and Hatfield. in England, and near Dulles Interna-

tional Airport in Washington. A British Aerospace statement said Raytheon had agreed to pur- include other national aerospace chase BAe airframe kits for at least three years, which would provide a

"continued workload" for BAe's divisioo at Chester.

The statement did not say whether jobs at other sites would be

The sale, which still needs approvai hy the regulatory bodies, marks a new stage in alliances in the business-aircraft market foliowing the purchase of Cessna Aircraft Co. by Textron lae, and of Learjet Inc. by Bombardier Inc. of

BAe said that it would use the proceeds of the sale to reduce debt. Chairman John Cahill said that the move would "significantly strengthen the balance sheet and cash position of the group."

Analysts noted that BAc was

now likely to sell more of its non-

la January. BAe entered into a partnership with Taiwan Aero-space Corp. for manufacturing the BAe 146, a regional jetliner. Some 3,000 jobs in Hatfield are being lost as production of the planes is stopped there, and British workers were angered to see much of the

work soins to Taiwan. BAe most recently said it was in talks with Matra Hachette SA of France to form a joint venture on missiles that may be extended to (AP, AFP, Bloomberg, groups. Knight-Ridder)

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Investor's Europe

Very briefly:

Eastern Germany's industrial production rose by a preliminary figure of 14.5 percent in March from February and by 0.2 percent from a year carlier. Western Germany's April import prices fell 0.6 percent from March and 3.3 percent from a year earlier.

Benetton Group SpA said it would lower prices by 4 to 20 percent to retain market share in 1993. The company, which reported 1992 sales of 2.51 trillion lire (\$1.7 billion), said sales would not reach the 3 trillion lire

 Italy's consumer-price index rose at an annual rate of 4 percent in May. the lowest rate since 1969 and down from 4.2 percent a month earlier.

 Hungary's authorities started court procedures in nine cases following 252 iovestigations into privatization irregularities this year. Mirror Group Newspapers PLC said it had appointed Saatchi & Saatchi

Co. to handle advertising for the Daily Mirror and Sunday Mirror. The EC Commission said it had approved the takeover of Banco de

Madrid SA by Deutsche Bank AG. • Elf Sanofi SA of France and Bristol Myers Squibb Co. of the United States agreed to pool their research efforts on two drugs for the treatment of vascular problems and hypertension.

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ERM: The British Claim a Success

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charge that, by devaluing its currency. London is no longer playing by the rules. Its exports, particular-ly those made by Japanese companies with assembly lines in Britain. could be penalized at some point in the future, he said.

EC officials in Brussels may be embarrassed by the sudden turn of events that has seen Britain drop the exchange-rate mechanism and emerge a few months later as Europe's fastest growing economy. British officials and businessmen, while hardly embarrassed, admit

The general view was that leaving the ERM was not the solution to Britain's problems and that it would only give rise to inflation," said Terry Barker, chairman of Cambridge Econometrics.

in prices is hard to foresee for as much as another two to three years. The British economy is expected to

grow by as much as 2 percent-This week brought more evidence of the rebound. British pur-chasing managers said their latest survey had found that manufacturing output rose during May for the fourth month in a row, Many companies in the survey reported that

they were stepping up hiring.
The danger for the EC is to compare the U.K. experience to France, where unemployment is rising inexorably and heading for 12 percent," Mr. Amstad said.

The reversal in economic fortunes has been so complete that some economists predict that fur-ther rises in the value of the pound, which has been on the rebound since the late winter, could force Inflation remains a concern, but business people to clamor for a hy most estimates the economy is return to the exchange-rate mechastill so weak that any real increase mism as a means to put a lid on it.

Fiat Faces Further Asset Sales

Compiled by Our Staff From Disnovby

MILAN - Fiat SpA will need to continue to sell off ponstrategie businesses to maintain its 1993 results at an acceptable level following a sharp rise in the concern's debt in 1992, analysts said Tuesday.

They said that although the fall in 1992 consolidated net profit to 551 billion lire (\$374.6 million), from 1.1 trillion a year earlier, and a cut in dividends announced Monday were in line with expectations, the rise in group debt to 3.9 trillion lire from 270 billion a year earlier was larger than expected.

'At this point, the sale of some businesses becomes an absolute priority for the group," said Gianluca Codagnone, an analyst with Aloisio, Foglia & Ventura SIM. Analysts said businesses that may be sold include Flat's profitable Toro Assicurazioni SpA insurance unit. The retail unit La Rinascente is also rumored to be on the block.

Although Fiat's auto business will swing into a loss in 1993 as demand for new cars plunges across En-rope, analysts said predictions by the chairman, Gio-"Whereas people" vanni Agnelli, for recovery to start by mid-1994 should come true as long as new models are successful

and the Italian currency stays weak.

The consolidated profit of Fiat's car division fell to concerning car sales.

16 billion fire from 415 billion in 1991. It was hit by a heavy investment program as well as the sales drop. Analysts said the increase in deht was necessary to fund investment in oew models, which in turn may help bring about a turnaround in 1994, Investment rose to 8.5 trillion lire, from 6.7 trillion in 1991, while

cash flow fell to 3.6 trillion lire, from 4.4 trillion. "Investment is clearly the main cause for the debt increase when you consider that cash flow narrowed by over 700 billion while investment rose by over 1.7 rillion," said Faustino Galeotti, research head for Pasim Servizi Finanziari.

Analysts said they would be looking closely at Fiat's debt levels in first-quarter results, which will be released on June 29.

The 1992 results were in line with forecasts. Investors showed relief when the company paid a dividend of 100 lire a share, brokers said. Although cut from 230 lire, there had been rumors the dividend would be

"Whereas people were looking at a 10 percent fall in demand in Europe for 1993, they now realize a 15 percent drop would be good," said Dagmar Botten-bruch, analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston in Milan, (Reuters, AFX)

Leaders Assail **Bonn Spending**

BONN - A senior banker and a business leader attacked the German government Tuesday for failing to cut public spending, saying Bonn had be-come the main obstacle to the country's economic recovery.

The president of the German Association of Cooperative Banks, Wolfgang Grueger, said the government cannot continue filling gaps in public hudgets with higher taxes or higher oet borrowing

instead of savings."

Tyll Necker, president of the Federation of German Industry, accused politicians of failing to provide leadership. "Politicians have lost their sense of indement of what burdens the economy can bear,"

EC Wary of Channel Venture

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission has started a preliminary antitrust investigation into a joint ven-

European Night Services Ltd. is owned by British Rail, Deutsche Bundesbahn, Nederlandse Spoorwegen NV and France's Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer.

The company would operate one passenger train nightly in each di-

dam, London to Frankfurt, Paris to Glasgow and Brussels to Glasgow. The commission did oot detail nme by four European railroads io offer night services to passengers through the Channel tunnel.

stock, routes and maintenance. In Toronto, meanwhile, Bombardier Inc. said the consortium it had set up to build shuttle cars for the tunnel had begun delivery of six single-deck wagons.

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Japan Aide Blasts U.S. Over Yen

TOKYO — Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi blasted U.S. government officials Tuesday for the prolonged and dramatic surge in

the yen against the dollar. It was the first time that Mr. Hayashi had explicitly blamed U.S. officials for the rise in the yen, which pushes up the price of Japanese exports and puts them at a competitive disadvantage with goods produced

in the United States. On Tuesday, the dollar closed here at 107 yen.

Mr. Hayashi said that the dollaryen exchange rate "should reflect economic fundamentals" and that "things get complicated because the U.S. government brings trade issues into the discussion.

He apparently was referring to a U.S. Treasury report released last week that emphasized that a strong yen would help reduce Japan's trade surplus with the United States.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Finance Ministry reported that the Bank of Japan's foreign-exchange reserves reached \$79.46 billion in May, up \$2.5 billion.

Analysis said the leap of more than \$9 billion over the past two months was in large part the result of the Bank of Japan's efforts to stem the rise of the yen through massive purchases of dollars.

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H.K. Prices Itself Away Inflation Will Force More Jobs Abroad

HONG KONG — The pressures of inflation here are set to drive thousands of white-collar jobs out of the territory over the next few years, according to management consultants and company officials.

Soaring real-estate and labor costs will force companies to relocate at least part of their white-collar and clerical staff abroad, they say. Already, Hong Kong's blue-collar work force has dropped to 582,000 in 1992, from 902,000 in 1980, as companies moved their factories to southern China in search of cheap land and labor.

For now, however, Hong Kong's economy has shrugged off these trends, thanks to China's meteoric economic growth, which continues to generate new jobs in the territory. But if the Chinese boom turns to bust, things could prove much more painful for Hong Kong.

The outflow of jobs would not benefit just mainland China. Southeast Asia, India and even Australia could prove to be far cheaper and efficient locations for the backroom operations of

such Hong Kong companies as insurance and fund-management firms.

Some of the biggest names in Hong Kong's corporate world already are weighing plans to trim their operations in the territory.

The Swire Pacific conglomerate is moving part of the data-processing operations of one of its units, Cathay Pacific Airways, to southern China. It is looking at similar moves for its other businesses.

"We definitely believe there is going to be a trend in selective relocation of backroom processing business," said Mumtaz Ahmed, managing director of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Manage ment Consultants. "More and more, Hong Kong is

likely to be a place for pure market presence, with some of the production facilities in the service industry moving out."

The inflation rate in Hong Kong was 12 percent in 1991, 9.4 percent in 1992, and is officially forecast to be 9.5 percent this year, with little relief in sight due to a shortage of land and labor. The building of a new airport and related infrastructure projects likely will fuel inflation as billion of dollars are pumped into the economy.

Hong Kong's inflation rate has been far higher than its major competitors in the region for a number of years.

Its private-sector labor force got wage increases that ranged on average from 11.3 percent to 11.9 percent in the year that ended April 1, a government survey showed. The starting wage for a clerk at National Mutual Asia, the insurance concern, has risen to 5,500 Hong Kong dollars (\$710) a month now from about 1,900 dollars six years ago.

Meanwhile, the asking price for renting office space in the Exchange Square complex in the center of the business district has risen to about 55 dollars a square foot per month, from about 40

According to Nicholas Brooke of Brooke Hillier Parker, real-estate consultants, office rents could easily reach 100 dollars per square foot by 1996.
The trend could push Hong Kong rental costs higher than those in Tokyo.

In the meantime, analysts say, there could be dire consequences for companies that become complacent about rising costs because they are doing so well at the moment thanks to the econom-

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Undercuts Competition

DETROIT — Mitsubishi, the some U.S. Big Three offerings. As-last major Japanese automaker to sembled in Normal, Illinois, the

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Other models will range up to the

Corp. jumped into the fray in 1992

produce a midsize sedan in the United States, has set aggressively low prices for its Gallant model

"Mitsubishi has clearly priced the car to sell very well," said Chris Cedergren of AutoPacific Group in Thousand Oaks, California, "Their

goal is to sell 60,000 a year and given

this pricing, I don't think they're

The ES, which Mitsubishi ex-

models, compares favorably in

price with similarly equipped Japa-

nese competitors. The Altima SE

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Kobe Steel to Slash 1,900 Jobs as It **Cuts Profit Forecast**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Kobe Steel Ltd. said Tuesday it would cut employment by 1,900 jobs, or 9.5 percent, to a profit, at 11.7 billion yen, of any

March 1996, from 20,100 now. The personnel cutback will include 1,300 engineers and 600 administrative personnel and will be made through attrition and transferring workers to affiliated companies, a spokesman, Gary Tsu-chida, said.

The company also lowered its targets for sales and earnings in 1995-96. It now aims for a parentcompany current profit of 40 billion yen (\$372.6 million), down from a target of II8 billion yen announced in December 1991, and for sales of 1.44 trillion yen, down from the earlier projection of 1.81 trillion yen. That level of profit is expected to be enough to maintain the current dividend of six yen a share, its vice president, Shinji Fu-kukawa, said at a news conference.

The company also plans to slash capital investment to 60 billion year annually, down 50 percent from the average level in 1990-93.

The company had to lower its profit target and cut jobs and spending to survive, "because the business environment has become severe beyond anticipated forecasts" since its original plan was drafted, Mr. Fukukawa said.

Kobe Steel posted parent-com-pany current profit of 14.50 billion yen for the year ended March 31, off from 47.74 billion yen the previous year. It expects to post a cur-rent loss of between 5 billion and 10 billion yen at the parent-company level for the current six months ending Sept. 30, though it forecasts a profit for the full year.

Kobe Steel is the most diversified of the major Japanese steel companies. It is a major aluminum and copper producer and has en-tered the machinery, electronics and information sectors as well.

The company expects aluminum, copper, machinery, electronics and information services to play a greater role in the group's overall performance, Mr. Tsuchida said.

The company hopes to increase aluminum and copper sales to 21 percent of its total sales by 1995-96 from 20 percent at present, while boosting machinery sales to 30 percent from 28 percent and electronics and information to 9 percent from 6 percent, he said.

Iron and steel will account for just 40 percent of total sales by

1995-96, he said, down from 46

total of 18,200 by the year ending Japanese steelmaker in the year ended March 31, but it offered the darkest forecast of any of the top steel companies.

Analysis, moreover, said that Kobe Steel's ambitious diversification plans may make the group's immediate future even darker.

Koichi Ishihara, an analyst with Lehman Brothers, said a gradual recovery that seemed to be getting under way in Japan's anto and electronics sectors would push up steelmakers' profits through increased sales. But with Kobe Steel focusing more on other areas, he said, it would get relatively little benefit from any recovery in its core busi-

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Index Hints At Upswing For Japan

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TOKYO - Japan's index of leading economic indicators slipped to 79.2 in March, although it pointed to a recovery in economic activity for the third consecutive month, the government's Economic Planning Agency said Tuesday.

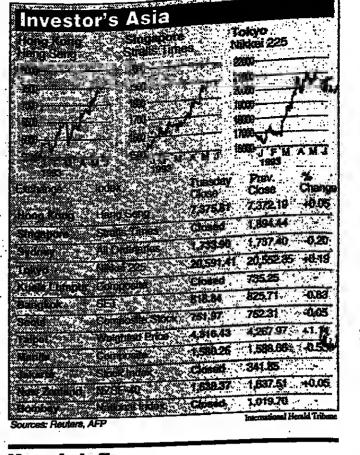
The index, which predicts the economy's performance in the coming six months, was down from a revised 83.3 in February.

The agency considers 50 to be the dividing line between contraction or expansion, but officials said it was too early to declare that the economy had bottomed out.

The index measures positive and negative outlooks in 13 areas of the economy.

Meanwhile, the Japan Automobile Association said that domestic sales of cars, trucks and buses fell 12.9 percent in March from the same period last year, to 330,356

(AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

• Fujitsa Ltd. will use semiconductor chips made by Harris Corp., an American concern, in a new switching system for office telephone exchanges to be marketed in Asia. The size of the order was not disclosed, but Harris said it was the largest it had ever received in Japan.

 Bank of China Group agreed to lend \$75 million to APT Satellite Co./1
Hong Kenn connections. Hong Kong consortium, to buy an American communications satellite from Hughes and a Chinese rocket to launch it, the China Daily said. News Corp. reduced its stake in TNT Ltd., its partner in the domestic airline Ansett Australia, to 8.29 percent from 10.19 percent.

 Haagen Dazs will open its first shop in Taiwan on June 11. Namchow Chemical Industrial Co., a joint-venture partner, said the premium ice-cream maker may set up three or four Taipei stores in the next two years. Thailand's central bank cut its discount rate to 10 percent from 11 percent to encourage lending and stimulate economic activity.

 Taiwan's current-account surplus plunged to \$1.71 billion in the first quarter from \$2.38 billion a year earlier, amid depressed global demand for exports and a surge in imports.

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Australia GDP Weak in Period

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - Gross domestic product rose 0.5 percent in the first quarter, for a 2.5 percent annual rate of growth, but the weakness of the economy continued to plagne the Australian dollar.

The currency rose briefly on the GDP report, but fell back as traders absorbed the data, which showed that the bulk of growth in the quarter had been government-driven.

quoted in late trading at about

67.37 U.S. cents, just one cent above its five-year low of 66.35 cents in January. A week ago the dollar was trading at 70 U.S. cents. low of 49.1 on the central bank's trade-weighted index, a measure of the local dollar against a basket of correncies of the nation's major trading partners.

An economist with J. P. Morgan. Brad Holland, said the GDP data showed that private demand was The Anstralian dollar was low and business investment weak: (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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AUTOS: Mannesmann Looks to Car Electronics to Revive Sagging Profits RENAULT: Profiting From a Revolutionary Idea: Please the Customer

Continued from Page 1 and searching for salvation in the fast-growing

But by simultaneously risking a plunge into the highly competitive automotive technology and mobile communications markets — in each case providing services as much as equipment Mannesmann has been one of the most earing of German companies undergoing structural change.

In addition to diversifying, Mannesmann is: Slashing its payroll and production in Germany and opening plants abroad where work rules are more flexible.

 Forging joint ventures with former competitors to reduce overcapacity in steel and steel tube production.

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archy to improve efficiency and feedback.

This year, for example, Mannesmann and rival Hoesch AG merged their precision tube interests to form a joint venture with an expected annual sales volume of 1 billion DM (\$630 million). On a smaller scale, Mannesmann announced plans recently to coordinate production of stainless steel pipe with partners in Italy and France, allowing each to cut capacity by a third without sacrificing products as a group. That's how we as companies — and we as shirope — can survive, and survive with success," Werner Dieter, Maunesmann's chairman, said in an interview.

"The worst thing in times of recession is producing below capacity, which can kill a company that would be making money if the economy were healthier," he said.

But for Mannesmann, success is still anything but certain.

The company said Tuesday that its group net profit fell 76 percent to 63 million DM from 263 million DM a year earlier. The biggest drag 263 million DM a year earner. The orggest mag on earnings was the cost of bringing out the company's new Mannesmann Mobilfunk digi-tal telephone network, which is not expected to tal telephone networks the same a profit until 1995.

Industry analysts said Mannesmann may loss in 1993. The main point

well swing into a loss in 1993. The main power will be the development in the automobile industry and whether incoming orders continue falling," said Richard Schramm, au analyst with Trinkaus & Burkhardt, said to Reuters.

An ongoing global slump in automobile manufacturing notwithstanding, Mannesmann - reckons that advanced automotive technology offers greater long-term growth potential than the engineering and steel tubes businesses that have long been its core in Germany's industrial

Many analysts criticized Mannesmann's costly entry into automotive electronics as a dangerous plunge into treacherous territory. GDP Weakide Auto components suppliers, in fact, are bearing

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the brunt of automobile manufacturers' attempts to cut costs and face painful price con-cessions.

The company has built the division from scratch over the last few years with the 1987 purchase of Fichtel & Sachs, a hig European presence in clutches and shock absorbers, and with a stake acquired in 1991 in Boge, another leader in shock absorbers that was folded into Fichtel & Sachs, VDO, based north of Frankfurt, came at a price rumored to be around 600 million DM at the end of 1991, just before German automobile sales began to decline. It

Europe has to be careful not to trim off the elements on which our innovative ability and future

competitiveness depend. Werner Dieter, Mannesmann chairman

has poured 15 million DM into the "dynamic motor testing stand" that simultaneously tests its various automotive elements.

"At least we feel Mannesmann could be

accused of poor timing in acquiring both Boge and VDO ahead of the real downturn in the German market," analysis at Lehman Brothers noted in a recent report.

Indeed, the world automotive industry's

near-term prospects are far from rosy. Exclud-ing Germany and Japan, the world market for new cars shrank more than 5 percent between 1989 and 1993, and the best growth prospects this decade are far from Europe's shores. Sales in Europe may shrink as much as 20 percent

Prognos, a Basel-based research organization, predicted in an April report that German automotive and machine tool manufacturing. the backbone of German industry, would lag behind overall economic growth in Germany for the next 20 years.

On the other hand, "acquisitions are often opportunistic and both had other suitors," Lehman Brothers noted, referring to Boge and VDO. And by acquiring both at the same time, the company quickly gained a "critical mass and global supplier status that Fichtel & Sachs

was only just beginning to achieve," it said.

Moreover, analysts say new forms of cooperation between automotive parts suppliers and their customers suggest a bright future for the few parts suppliers that will emerge from the current round of cutthroat consolidation.

For example, cooperation increasingly consists of "simultaneous engineering," in which customers work closely with parts suppliers in the research and development stages of new products and thus virtually ensure a market for new technologies.

Customers are also leaning toward a greater reliance on suppliers to provide integrated modular parts as opposed to buying components separately and assembling them them-selves. VDO delivers entire dashboards complete with instrumentation to Volkswagen AG's new plant in Mosel in Eastern Germany. Among other projects, the company is experimenting with dashboards equipped with an integrated liquid-crystal display that could provide motorists of the future instant trip, traffic and telecommunications information.

The dashboard instruments area has "potenrially substantial growth prospects as more complex driver information systems (on-board computers, traffic condition displays, route information) become increasingly standardized," Lehman Brothers said.

At a presentation of the company's recent performance in May, Ulrich Wöhr, chairman of VDO, promised it would be "one of the survivors," in part because of Mannesmann's strong

capital backing.
Even before Mannesmann's engagement, however, VDO was one of the German companies most active in capitalizing on cheaper labor costs abroad. Even as it closes three of its smaller German manufacturing facilities, the company is adding capacity at new and existing plants in North America, Brazil, Spain, Britain, Australia, Asia and the Czech Republic. The company plans to slash its German payroll to 7,000 by the end of the year, from 8,757 at the end of 1992.

Sixty-one percent of VDO's 1992 sales of 2.38 billion DM occurred in Germany, but Mr. Wohr said he could imagine a day not far in the future when Germany accounts for 50 percent or less of the company's sales exposure.

The jobs that we are trimming in German will not quickly be filled here again," said Mr. Wohr. "New jobs are more likely to be created abroad, where there's much more flexibility." Mr. Tacker of VDO said he feared that

overly zealous cost-cutting in the antomobile industry could backfire in terms of quality and ultimately, in terms of quantity as well. If all the German workers lose their jobs, they won't be buying any cars, that's for sure,"

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mist with Smith Barney, Harns Upham & Co. in Paris. "His legacy was to turn it around by being responsive to the customer and producing products people wanted to buy."

From 1981 through 1986, Renault reported a string of losses totaling 32.6 milion francs (\$6.05 hillion). But severe cost-cutting — 40,000 jobs were eliminated — and successful new products allowed it to return to profitability in 1987, since which time Renault has posted 32 billion francs in profits. In 1992, Renault was the most profitable of Europe's carmakers. with net income of 5.7 billion francs, up 85 percent from 1991, on sales of 179.4 billion francs, an increase of 8 percent.

Along the way, it also lightened its debt load from 62 billion francs at its peak in 1985 to 12.5 hillion francs at the end of 1992.

"They thought about customers, products and finances all together and somehow managed to advance on all three areas relative to their competitors," said John Lawson, Londonbased automotive analyst with DRI, an economic forecasting consultancy.

Renault models — the small Clio, the mi-

drange R19, the luxury Safrane and the Espace have become leaders in their classes in the French market, Even the Twingo, the odd-shaped minicar launched in April, has generated abundant enthusiasm - and about 28,000

In Europe, while Renault's market share has improved slightly, a more telling sign is that its R19 and Clio are now strong sellers in Germany, where French cars in general have not been

Company officials acknowledge that Renault did not even exist in the old regime.

To change course, Renault began introductive went about its business of designing, building ing the customer into the new-car development

and selling cars. Newly delivered vehicles rattled and came unglued, and the quality of service throughout its dealer network was low.

Renault, of course, was not alone. Many French companies still suffer from a reputation for products that, while well-engineered, fail to meet any identified customer needs, or are accompanied by weak or unprofessional sales efforts and poor after-sales service.

Jean Hoeffner, vice president of Gemini France, a management consulting group, said France's weakness in sales may be due to top executives' reluctance to believe - because they have not seen it demonstrated - that company earnings could be improved by better

Others say that, despite efforts over the past decade to correct it, the weakness persists because of an intellectual tradition in which making things has been regarded as an end in

"It's fair to say that French industry for decades and centuries has been dominated by engineers with a production mentality," said Christian Pinson, president of the French Marketing Association and a professor at the Insead business school in Fontainebleau.

They believed that if the technical quality was superior, the customer should realize it. If not, the customer was incompetent or stupid. We're behind because we're still dominated by this mentality."

At Renault, the bias toward production was

clear. "We would say that we built 2 million cars a year, not that we have 2 million new customers a year," said Philippe Gamba, Renault's director of marketing - a job title that

process. Consumer surveys were ordered to determine what features and equipment were wanted, and the findings were turned into objectives to guide designers and engineers.

The sales and marketing departments were brought into the process, as were dealers and garage technicians, who were asked how easy the new models would be to repair. Selected groups of people - such as taxi drivers - were asked to comment on a model's performance and comfort as much as two years before its scheduled unveiling.

"Before," said Mr. Gamba, "it was our job to sell the cars that were given to us by the engineers; but today it's completely different. Today there is a new culture."

Even so, Mr. Gamba acknowledged, Renault's engineers still need to be reminded at times that their job is not to make improvements just because they can be made, but "to add value that can be perceived." He said, for example, that an electronic key that unlocks the car's door from a distance of several yards has far more appeal to consumers than a 3 percent improvement in engine efficiency.

To improve after-sales service, Renauli has employed a carrot-and-suck approach to try to enhance the professionalism of its dealers and make them more aware of the need to satisfy customers. Independent dealers were shown how they could turn service departments into profit centers, while 60 company-owned dealers, which control almost one-third of Renault's market in France, were told that their salaries would depend on how well they treated custom-

"Before, we measured our dealers' performance only on sales," Mr. Gamba said. "Now, more and more of his remuneration is based on the quality of his service."

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Jordan's Barrage of 54 Stuns Knicks in Playoff

By Clifton Brown New York Times Service

CHICAGO - It was spectacular, but from Michael Jordan, oot mexpected: a 54-point barrage that deflated the New York Knicks and dramatically changed the atmosphere of a series that the Chicago Bulls have now tied.

Carrying his team with a remarkable long-range shooting exhibition, Jordan led the Bulls to a 105-95 vietory Monday in Chicago Stadium in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference championship.

The victory capped a weekend of character-testing for the Bulls, who trailed 2-0 in the series and then responded by winning two games on their home court. Having protected their turf, the two-time defending National Basketball Associadon champions now feel even more confident of protecting their crown.

Asked if he would guarantee a vietory for the Bulls in Game 5, Wednesday night in New York, Horace Grant, their power forward said, "If we play the way we played these last two games, it's definitely

tive games in Madison Square Garden, and who still hold the homecourt advantage. But there was no argument about who the best playargument about who the best play-

er on the court was Monday. Jordan made 18 of 30 shots from the floor, and 6 of 9 from 3-point ange. He made his first seven shots in the third quarter, before missing his last one that period. And it was

even more impressive because he checked out of the game for the did almost all of his damage from the perimeter.

oext 3:04. Trailing by 91-84, this was the Knicks' chance: No Jor-

playoff game; next best was Sam

his performance, he kept it to him-

self, because he continued his poliloud and clear.

"He's a great player, and he played a great game," said Starks, who had 24 points and played all but the final 51.2 seconds of the game. "He came back and kicked

a guaranteed win for us."

That would be argued by the Knicks, who have won 27 consecutive carries in Marking all 8 of his free throws. Equally surprising, the Bulls had outrebounded the Knicks

> in the second half. A crucial sequence occurred with

Wilkens Elects to Coach Hawks and Not Clippers

ATLANTA --- Lenny Wilkens is to be hired as coach of the Atlanta Hawks, the Atlanta Journal-Con-

stitution reported Tuesday.

The Hawks later called a news conference for 5 P.M. Eastern time, when they were expected to formally name Wilkens as their oew

Wilkens, who quit as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers a week ago, had been considered a strong contender to take the job coaching

Clippers' job, and the team's own-er, Donald Sterling, went on vacation, the Hawks' general manager, Pete Babcock, and their president, Stan Kasten, seized the opportunity, aggressively pursued Wilkens and the two sides quickly came to an agreement, the Journal-Consti-

Wilkens, 55, would replace Bob Weiss, who was fired following the Hawks' opening round playoff loss to the Bulls.

Wilkens resigned as the Cavaliers' coach after they were eliminated by the Bulls in the second

round of the playoffs. The defense-oriented Wilkens won a championship with the Scat-tle SuperSonics in 1979. In his seven seasons in Cleveland, the Cavaliers won 50 or more games three

No opponent has ever scored more points against the Knicks in a

Jones, with 51 for the Boston Celt-Whatever Jordan thought about

NBA PLAYOFFS

cy of not talking to reporters. But this performance was hard to put into words anyway. He was simply unstoppable, and it was a nightmare for John Starks, who saw Jordan make shot after shot in his face. After shooting 3 for 18 in Game 3, Jordan was expected to make a statement, and this one was

my butt."

the Los Angeles Clippers.

But after Magic Johnson said he expected to be interviewed for the go, if that's what he wants to do," said Krause.

It has been widely reported that Kukoc is ready to join the Bulls, who drafted him in 1990 and bold his NBA rights in perpetuity.

sion oot to attend the games. "He does oot want to affect the team in any way," said Krause, whose pursuit of the "European Magic Johnson" has caused controversy within the Bulls' family,

to a lesser degree, Michael Jordan. The last hurdle, should Kukoe gain his contractual freedom. would be a contract that would satisfy him while not ruffling Jordan, Pippen and possibly Horace

sidered to be the best basketball play-er in Europe, has completed physi-cal examinations given by the Bulls, Jerry Krause, the team's director

of operations, said that Rukoc, who was in Chicago last weekend but did oot attend either of the Bulls-Knicks game, must decide whether to end his contract with Benetton Treviso in Italy within a couple of weeks. That would enable the 6-font, 10-incb (2.08-meter) forward-guard to negotiate a deal with the Bulls beginning July 1. "Benetton has said he's free to

Krause said it was Kukoc's deci-

especially with Scottle Pippen and,

agent after the 1993-94 season.

PEANUTS

dan, and plenty of time. But the Knicks disintegrated. After Mason made one of two free throws, the New York's next six

possessions resulted in a 24-second violation, a missed jumper hy Patrick Ewing, a missed jumper by Mason, two free throws by Starks. a missed driving hook shot hy Doc Rivers and a missed jumper by Charles Oakley. Chicago still led, 94-87, when Jordan re-entered the game at the 3:54 mark.

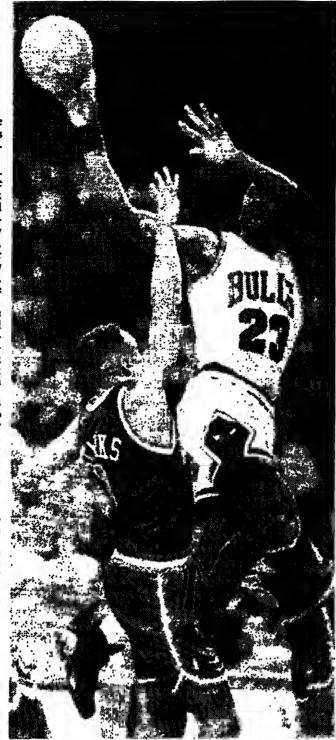
"We had our chances," said the Knicks' coach, Pat Riley. "We oeed to be more disciplined in our fundamentals. They had that seven-point cushion when Miehael went out, and if we had out it, I think Phil Jackson would have put him back in earlier.

Ewing, who finished with 24 points, made a fadeaway jumper to cut the lead to 94-89. Then, after Jordan missed a jump shot with Rivers guarding him closely. Oak-ley rehounded Ewing's missed jumper and was fouled by Grant with 2:24 left. Oakley missed the first free throw before sinking the second, making it 94-90.

But Scottie Pippen, despite getting only 13 points, followed with the game's biggest shot. Isolated against Mason, Pippen drove to his right and was bumped by Mason as he started to shoot. Fading away from the basket, Pippen made an off-balance 14-footer before falling to the floor, and the foul was called

Pippen's free throw completed the 3-point play, giving the Bulls a 97-90 lead with 2:09 left. Then, after Starks missed a 3-point jumper, Jordan rebounded, made the trip down court, head-faked Rivers and sank a 14-footer to give Chicago a 99-90 lead. The Knicks were finished. And the series was up for grabs.

After having had little problem with the Knicks normally tough defense, Chicago held a 61-52 half-



Michael Jordan, rising above John Starks in the third quarter, made seven straight shots that period before missing his last one.

The morning after Saturday's match in Poland, two English players did slip out of camp to visit Auschwitz. One, predictably, was Nigel Clough, whose fa-

The Week Well Marred

O SLO — If a week is a long time in politics, war and commerce, it can be an eternity in soccer. where all three factors come into play.

Last Wednesday, in Munich, the air heavy with affluence and stifling with humidity, the AC Milan era crumbled. The richest club team assembled went to the European Champions' Cup final satiated, spent and vulnerable, and Olympique Marseille raised the Tricolor for the first time in a tournament the French invented 39 years ago.

Vive Marseille! But relentless is the season, brief the

inquisition. Our journey rushed onward to Katowice in the depressed Silesian coal fields.

The atmosphere was fogged with pollution, the football industrial. Poland and England fought a grim World Cup qualifying match to a tie with all the fascination of arm wrestling. Before and during play, youths in the crowd tore up poles and seats to crack one another's 🕳

heads and assail Rob Hughes A The internecine fending hetween

booligans from Gdansk, from Warsaw and Katowice followed

stabbing to death of one fan en route to the stadium. Mercifully, it did not embroil English followers, or add to the tragic legacy one young English accountant brought home from Turkey: A glass eye.

Insanity off the pitch, and on it England's manager, Graham Taylor, described his midfielders at half time

With the Munich showpiece marred by money, and the Polish match by violence, dare we hope that Norway versus England in a World Cup qualifier Wednesday

night elevates the game in more sporting spirit?

At least the air in Oslo is clean and cool, if a trifle damp. In the English team's huxury hotel next to the Holmenkollen ski jump 350 meters above the city, and in the Norwegian squad's quarters too, the mood is one of determination rather than excitement, caution before adventure.

Common factors have permeated the journey from Munich to Katowice to Oslo. Fear of losing is paramount. Soccer players, like many athletes, indeed like the singer Bruce Springsteen, who is playing a concert in Oslo, become isolated from normality.

F OOTBALLERS ARE cosseted and overplayed individuals, tired in mind and limb. They live with boredom, and with "pressure," and one cannot help thinking it would have been right for England's men to drop the playing cards and visit the nearby Nazi extermination camps close to Katowice.

Anschwitz, which forces us all to think hard about our freedoms and our so called stress, was off-limits to England's players. The team, like every seriously competitive team, travels in an encapsulated luxury cocoon
—luxury hotel to training ground and back to hotel.

The morning after Saturday's match in Poland, two

ther has just been hounded out of a learn management position because of reported drinking problems.

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Clough the younger is about to change the habit of a lifetime, to leave his father's club, Nottingham Forest, and join Liverpool for \$3.6 million. As soccer players. go, he is among the most sympathetic and intelligent

England chooses him sparingly. His vision, his abiliof the breed. ty to pass a ball nearly and inventively is so often crowded out. He lacks pace, yet how we yearsed last week for a playmaker to slow the match, to orchestrate.

it with thought.

In Munich, not even Milan had such a performer. The break-up of a side which has gone stale through age, through the saturation of too many bonness and too many demands, came so swiftly not even the gregarious purse of presidente Silvio Bertusconi could hide the decline.

Frank Rijkaard's announcement, on the very eve of the Champions' Cup final, that he wanted to leave was a symptom of the disaffection. Berlusconi tried only thing he knows, to throw money at the problem. believing that an extra 20 percent on Rijksard's mil-

lions might here the Dutchman back into the fold.

It had the opposite effect. Rijkaard is looking for a softer world, perhaps in the French league, where the the spotlight's glare is less harsh. He has achieved all with Milano; now he wants out before his talent wanes or he becomes subjected to the treatment of his Dutch colleagues, Marco van Basten and Ruud Gullit. Toomany injuries, too much use of painkilling injections, too little regard for welfare and human sensitivity.

ULLIT, AFTER the final, declared that he, too, is distillusioned and wants to quit both Milan and the Dutch national team. The sad deflowering of the Dutch, and the aging of Franco Baresi, are at the cold.

of Milan's dethroning.

They, or their coach, Fabio Capello, should have realized that the limits on human will and stamina were being overplayed. Capello, it was said from within the team, was turning Milan away from the enlightened. Dutch-influenced free flowing style and back toward the Italian society culture of defensivences.

This might have dawned on Berlascom, the paymaster of them all and the man who groomed Capello for-five years before handing him the team formed by Arrigo Saochi. Berlusconi's presence in Munich began as sleek and as proud as he pleases and ended it with his shoulders slumped, his coat looking much like one careless tossed onto a chair back.

His adversary, Bernard Tapie, despite selling his stars last summer and having arguably his weakest team in a years, was able to cavort across the field. like the fan he is. Tapie has never cared for restraint or for etiquette. For all his fanits, all his brashness, he has delivered his pledge to build POM the most successful side in French history.

What he does for an encore may depend on whether France decorates him or pursues charges of financial chicanery against him and his club. Right now, Taple, and Marseille, are the flavor of the month.

So whisper it gently that the goal came without a true French touch on the ball. Ghana's Abedi Pele floated in the corner kick, and it was Basile Boli, born in the Ivory Coast and naturalized by France, who put" it in the net.

With a soaring leap, Boli proved that the head that had savagely bruted fingland's Smart Pearce last sommer could also sweetly caress a ball. Boli's glancing header won the crown, and with head and feet and heart he was the most impenetrable defender in Marseille's resistance.

A villain turned victor. Time will now tell how the crown fits Marseille.

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■ Denmark Loses Nielsen, Maybe Elstrop Denmark has been hit by two last-minute injuries going into its World Cup qualifier against Albania on Wednesday night, news services reported. Midfielder Peter Nielsen broke a foot and striker

Lars Elstrup injured a thigh during practice Monday.

The team's coach, Richard Moeller Nielsen, said isen would be out for as long as five weeks Elstrup was uncertain for the Group 3 match.

• Marco Van Basten, as well as Rund Gullit, will not play in the Netherland's qualifier against Norway next Wednesday. The Dutch coach, Dick Advocaat, said Van Basten

did not want to play again this season while he fully recovers from December's ankle operation.

 Osaka Gamba of the J-League have offered a" multimillion dollar contract to striker Careca, the 32year-old Brazilian who plays for Napoli in the Italian first division, Japanese sports dailies reported Tues-(Reuters, AFP)

By Joe Lapointe back problem at the age of 32 and was of the large audience it seeks under its that during the season when Gretzky was hurt, he "was really suffering and I was terrified for him as a friend, not just New York Times Service occasionally unhappy with the managenew commissioner in a decade of major

Gretzky & Co.: So Far, They're on Solid Ice

NEW YORK - For the first four ears of the Wayne Greizky era, the Los ngeles Kings were the fool's gold of hockey, one of those California dreams, Gretzky gave them glitter and helped sell tickets and jerseys, but they never really mined a mother lode.

With his sublime skills receding but still considerable. Gretzky was like a colonial missionary from hockey's old world. To the uninitiated, in the capital of glitter, he preached the coming glory of his sport, spreading the message to an ambivalent entertainment capital. To the converted of the old cities, he

urged repentance and reform. Abandon lighting, he said, and market the busioess beyond the devoted cult that has sustained it for so long.

This season, people had reason to Grant, who has said he might leave doubt that Gretzky's mission would the Bulls when he hecomes a free succeed. His status as No. 1 in the sport had been eclipsed by that of Mario (AP, UPI, NYT) Lemieux. He was bothered by a serious

ment of his team.

Eveo after the Kings won two rounds in the Stanley Cup playoffs, Gretzky seemed to fade in the third round against Toronto and it looked as if the Maple Leafs and the Canadiens would meet in an All-Canada championship series.

But just when it seemed right to write him off, Gretzky responded with an astonishing effort. He scored the winning goal in overtime in Game 6 last Thursday and added a hat trick in Game 7 on Saturday night to oust the Leafs and lift the Kings into the finals against the Canadiens that began Tuesday night in Montreal.

In personal terms, the best-of-seven series gives Gretzky a chance to put his name on the Cup for the fifth time, having shared four championships in Edmonton with the Oilers of his youth. In a broader context, Gretzky's presence gives the National Hockey League a chance to penetrate the consciousness

For the first time since 1988, the

finals are to be seen on a major cable network, ESPN, which is telecasting the games worldwide. It will be Gretzky, the transcendent artist, against the Canadiens, they of

the championship tradition. Even the Monreal players can see the upside that the Kings bring to this transcontinental party. "It's good for hockey to have Los Angeles in the fi-

terest in the States." Gretzky said he is motivated partly by public speculation that his best days are behind him.

When you are Wayne Gretzky, you take the roses when they are thrown at you and you have to take the heat," he said. "I took the heat. I stood up and I

answered the bell." Bruce McNall, the Kings' owner, said

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play the way he has, he's superhuman, McNall said. "He's beyond human." That, of course, is Hollywood hyperbole, but the rest of the script is pretty appealing, partly because of the con-trasts between the cities, about 2,500

as a hockey player."
"But what he did, to come back and

miles (4,050 kilometers) apart. The Canadiens, who have won the Stanley Cup 23 times, far more than any

a sophisticated audience. Games are broadcast in French and English. The Kings, who have never won the cup, play in Inglewood, California, in a modern Forum before a crowd that sometimes knows the difference be-

tween icing and offsides. Their games are broadcast on a radio station that transmits from Mexico. Their city, near the Pacific, grew big in the era following World War II. Its motif is the freeway;

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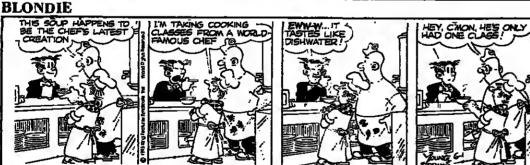
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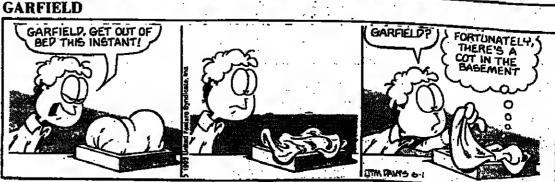


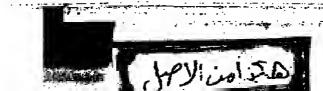


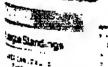


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Fernandez Defeats Sabatini to Gain Semis, Courier Storms by Prpic

Huber Surprises Martínez, Graf and Sánchez Advance

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — In one of the great
comebacks of Grand Slam tennis,
Fernandez heat thirdcomebacks of Grand Slam terminal
Mary-Joe Fernandez beat thirdseeded Gabriela Sabatini in a marFrench Open quarterfinal athon French Open quarterfinal

The sday after losing use in and trailing by 1-5 in the second.

The 1-6, 7-6 (7-4), 10-8 victory was the best women'a match of the con tournament and, at 3 hours, 35 minutes, the longest in modern Grand Slam history. It earned the Sand Seeded American a semifinal beath against No. 2 Arantra Sánchez Vicario, who ousted Jana No-

The other semifinal will be an all-German battle between topall-German partic perween top-seeded Steffi Graf, who beat Jenni-fer Capriati, and No. 8 Anke Huber, who upset Conchita Marti-

Two-time defending champion Fim Courier became the first man into the semifinals after an unexpectedly tough battle from unseedthe second seed alternated between deminance and distraction en reate to a 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 victory.

Fernandez, seeking her first Grand Slam title, had to save five when Sabatini appeared on the verge of winning by a rout. In the third set, the tables turned, and Sabatim saved four match points before Fernandez won with a backhand down the line.

Down by 1-5 in the second set, Fernandez said she looked up at the clock and saw that only 53

the clock and saw minotes had elapsed.

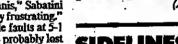
"I thought, it's almost over, I got to try to make the one hour mark,"

to try to make the one hour mark," she said. "I went for more, I took more chances. The next thing 1 know I was oo serve, and from - - z there on in it was a battle to the

"You have to hang in there." Fernandez said. "I kept thinking, she's as tired as I am."

"I had the match in my hands, I was playing great tennis," Sabatini said. To lose it is very frustrating."
I made two double faults at 5-1 in the second set and probably lost my concentration, she added.

Then she started to hit the ball so - hard, playing imbelievable. It was so hard to attack and do some-: :: thing. I knew she took risks but



... what she did today, I've never seen

tennis history was a bizarre first round match in Richmond, Virgin-

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(7), Cecci Republic, 6-2, 7-5.
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(5), U.S., def. Gobriela Sabatini (3), Arsentina,
1-7, 1-7, 1-7, 1-8.

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ia, in 1984 between Vicki Nelson-Dunbar and Jean Heoner.

It lasted 6 hours, 31 minutes before Nelson-Dunbar won, 6-4 7-6 (13-11), one point in the tiebreaker spanning 29 minutes with the ball crossing the net a ludicrous 643

Graf mixed her forehand blasts with devastating drop shots to de-feat the sixth-seeded Capriati, 6-3,

"I was doing the best I could," Capriati said. "She was playing too

Huber, 18, reached a Grand Slam semifinal for the first time in 13 tries. She and Martinez, the No. 4 seed from Spain, battled on almost even terms for 2 hours, 36 minutes before Hinber prevailed, 6-

7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-4.
Sanchez Vicario, Martinez's countrywoman and doubles partner, blew five match points in three es but won her quarterfinal, 6-2, 7-5, over Novotna. Sánchez Vicario won her only Grand Slam here in 1989, but lost in the finals in 1991 and semifinals last year.

Courier's semifinal opponent will be either 12th-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands or No. 13 Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic. Their quarterfinal was suspended by darkness Tuesday evening after they had split the first four sets. In two more quarterfinals Wednesday, top-seeded Pete Sam-pras faces 10th-seeded Sergi Brugnera of Spain, and third-seeded Stefan Edberg plays No. II Andrei Medvedev, the 18-year-old sensation from Ukraine.

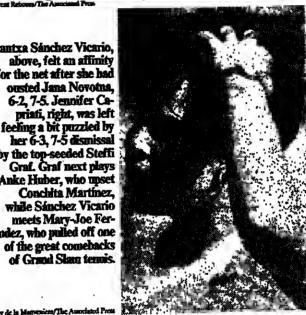
Huber, though hailed a few years ago as a potential equal to Graf, had never gotten past the third round of the French Open before. Her previous Grand Slam bests were two quarterfinal losses to Monica Seles in the 1991 and 1992 Australian Open.

She has never beaten Graf, Just reaching the semifinals was



Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, above, felt an affinity for the net after she had

ousted Jana Novotna, 6-2, 7-5. Jennifer Capriati, right, was left feeling a bit puzzled by her 6-3, 7-5 dismissal y by the top seeded Steffi Graf. Graf next plays Anke Huber, who upset Conchita Martinez while Sánchez Vicario meets Mary-Joe Fer-





Jim Courier fended off Goran Prpic to reach the semifinals, but was unhappy with organizers and television scheduling, which he blamed for his having to play again a day after his previous match.

Neither Brace, Shorter Hair Nor Door Save Underdogs

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS - The favorite made two appearances Tuesday on Center Court at Roland Garros, where all footprints are swept away and the players exit as if through a revolving door.

The favorite left the stadium be-

hind his challenger, whose right leg was padded like a boiler pipe leaking in the basement.

Moments later the favorite reappeared - this time her challenger n a skirt and hair descended from Dorothy Hamill.

The favorite is always the favor-ite, whether the No. 2 seeded Jim Courier or the No. 1 ranked Steffi Graf. On Tuesday, Courier was attacked by Goran Prpic, a Croat ranked No. 18I in the world and wearing a brace on his knee. At least i) acted like a brace. It appeared to have been made in his garage in Zagreh out of mattress padding, blue seat belts and that flourescent orange stitching which is always available in case the plane crashes and you must use your knee brace as an flotation device.

His knee was shredded twice. first in 1986. He rushed back to play and hurt it again. It took Prpic two years to recover and when the doctors said his knee was finally all right, he wrapped it in this brace that begins an inch below his short pants and stops four inches short of s soiled stockings. He is 29 now. The straps and buckles and padding stick out all over like pieces of an artificial heart - which, of

course, is how it serves him. His knee, in the absence of its igaments, is the strongest part of him. His second serve is a ping-pong ball, and when he approaches the net his racket is a shield at best. In a strange way he improved after the injuries to become No. 16 in the world two years ago. He runs -he can run - and he thinks, and with games all even late in the fourth set he could have gone up a point on

have begot a fifth set was a back-hand volley, a certain winner "I felt he is getting tired in the fourth set," Proic said. "Suddenly he wasn't hitting the ball anymore. He was just staying at the baseline and pushing the ball back — I felt it, because I didn't feel any more pressure on my side."

... The volley sailed just long "In the beginning I really didn't think about having too many chances to win," said Prpic after the 6-1, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 quarterfinal loss. "I cannot be disappointed, but l can — l can just — no. I didn't waste the chance. But I had the

small chance. I didn't take it." The match over, Courier stalked past the television commentators expecting the customary after-match words and through that revolving door, furious at tourna-

ment organizers and the TV folks.

The fact of the matter is that I didn't want to play today," just 24 hours after his fourth-round match with Thomas Muster, Courier said after he had put a brace on his anger. "But the fact is they don't care what I think. They just care about their precious TV and their little schedule."

As Prpie left the stadium, the door enewed him up and in a few moments the challenger reappeared. Now she was Jennifer Capriati, 17, an American opponent for the favored Graf.

There were no times where she had a letdown or went through a streak of missing a few, and she was very tough, mentally," said Ca-priati, 6-3, 7-5 loser as Graf quali-fied for a semifinal. "I mean, she just played too good. It is hard when you are being pressured like that the whole time and then you have this one thing - everything is rushing - and I have this chance now. I have to really win this one, take advantage of it. Otherwise 1 am not going to maybe get another one for a long time.

Capriati was 14, a constant smiler with much longer hair, when she advanced to the semifinals here in 1990. Had she imagined then that she would do at least as well from there on? The point being that she

"No, I really didn't look at it like that, like I was going to be there every year," she said. "First of all, I was trying to enjoy the moment, you know, that I did that. It gave me confidence that I got that far. So ohviously I can play and maybe I can do it again. But I didn't think I was just going to -that it is going to be easy to do that."

There were a few times this day when the favorite might have been replaced — if not by Capriati, who Graf expects to win a Grand Slam one day, then by Prpic. He lost the first set by five games, and he was skunked in the third. And each time thereafter he threatened the favorite. "I don't know," he said, after it was too late, "I was starting just to play this — I don't know,

just how I normally do." On Saturday be will be in Florence. Recently he had been thinking about retiring, but now he is too young for that. There are three matches he must win in Florence in order to qualify for that tournament. But then a challenger is always too much something.

SIDELINES

Brooks Quits as NHL Devils' Coach

NEW YORK (NYT) - Herb Brooks, following a disagreement with management over the direction the NHL team ought to take, has resigned as the New Jersey Devils' coach one season into the three-year contract he iven last June 5 to "take the Devils to the next level."

Brooks wanted the team, which tied the New York Islanders for third place in the Patrick Division but was eliminated by Pittsburgh five games

into the playeffs, to "take a step backward before going forward."

The 55-year-old Brooks, who coached the United States to a gold imedal in the 1986 Olympics, saw youth and speed as the main ingredients for building success. Management felt the players on the team were good enough to become Stanley Cup contenders.

For the Record

China completed its sweep of the gold medals at the Diving World Cup in Beijing when injured Olympie silver medalist Xiong Ni dominated the 10-meter platform competition.

10-meter platform competition.

Emerson Fittipaldi, who won the race, received \$1,155,304 from a record Indy 500 purse of \$,7681,300, with runner-up Arie Luyendyk getting \$681,303 and third-place finisher Nigel Mansell, who was named rookie of the year, receiving \$391,203.

Jeff Harding's WBC light heavyweight title defense June 26 in Bordeaux, France, against Mike McCallum of Jamaica has been postponed because of the promoter's financial problems, the Australian's trainer room.

TEXAS—Sent Crole Lefterle, pitcher, to Okto-home City. AA on rehabilitation contemment. National League COLORADO—Put Mark Grant, pitcher, on 15-day disabled Est, retroactive to May 26. Recalled Keht Shapherd, pitcher, from Colo-ment Serious. PCL.

Recalled Kelth Shapment, pricher, from Con-rado Springs, PCL. PITTSBURGH—Put Rondy Tomlin, eltch er, on 15-day disabled list, Bought contract a Fred Tollver, pitcher, from Carolina, SL.

HOCKEY

BASKETBALL

Jockey Pat Day said he will not appeal his suspension for careless riding at Churchill Downs, which will keep him from riding Cherokee Run in Saturday's Belmont Stakes.

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Ryan Is Injured, Again, on Water The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas -Those wanting to see Nolan Ryan pitching one more time will have to wait a little lo while the Texas right-hander recovers from another injury.

Ryan, water skiing with his family near their South Texas ranch, stepped on a ski and opened a seven-stitch gash. Ryan, 46, already is on the disabled list a second time this

year. Doctors said he has to stay off the foot two weeks. He was cut on the ball of his left foot and lucky the ski missed ligaments and tendons.

· Mark Guthrie, the Minnesota Twins' left-hander who was one of the AL's best setup men last year, is expected miss the rest of the season; he will have to undergo surgery to relieve a blood clot in a vein in his pitching shoulder.

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Balk Call Steams the Phillies, Then They Lose to the Reds

ninth in Atlanta.

A few years ago, a fend between the Philadelphia Phillies and the umpires became so hig that Fay Vincent, then the commissioner,

had to hreak it up. A balk call by the plate umpire Bob Davidson, which touched off an eighth-inning rally that gave the Cincinnati Reds a 6-4 victory, set off another war of words Monday in Cincinnati

"Bob is one of those impact umpires," charged the Phillies' catcher, Darren Daulton. "It was an ESPN game." Daulton said, referring to the TV sports network, "and he couldn't wait to suit up. He was going to make an impact on the game one way or another."

Daulton threw his mask after the balk call and was ejected. Manager Jim Fregosi soon followed, while the Phillies' pitching coach, Johnny Podres, had been ejected earlier in the game for arguing halls-andetrikes calls

Pitcher Curt Schilling claimed that during an at-bat in the third (Ookley 12), Chicago 43 (Pispen 7), Assists—New York 24 (Storks 7), Chicago 15 (Pispen 4), Total feets—New York 21, Chicago 23, Technicals—Ewite, Ookley. inning, Davidson told him ballsand-strike calls were going against him because Daulton had been

Davidson retorted later: "I've never ever done that, and I never will. I'm disappointed he would say something like that."

In the eighth, Larry Andersen relieved Schilling with a 4-3 lead, but Randy Milligan drew a leadoff walk on four pitches and Reggie

Sanders got an infield single.
Then Davidson, who calls more balks than most umpires, called one on Andersen. It was only the second balk this season by the Philues, the lowest total in the league. Joe Oliver followed with an RBI lies, the lowest total in the lea

single that tied the score, then reliever David West gave up a run-scoring single to Jeff Branson and walked Barry Larkin with the bases loaded. Jeff Reardon pitched out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the eighth, then Roh Dibhle escaped a

bases-loaded, one-out bind in the ninth for his first save since coming off the disabled list Friday. Braves 2, Padres 1: Greg Mad-

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est losing streak at four.

NL ROUNDUP Chicago. Howard Johnson hit a bases-loaded triple, and Todd Hundley homered during a five-

run fifth inning for the Mets.

Rockies 6, Pirates 2: Andres Galarraga, who went three for four, and Alex Cole each drove in two runs against Pittsbugh as Colorado, playing at home, halted its lat-

homered for the fourth time in

three days as New York won in

The Rockies had been outscored, 47-10, in their last four games, and

dux, who pitched a five-hitter, were routed, 18-1, by Philadelphia striking out seven, got his 100th

victory in the majors when Damon Berryhill doubled home a run in the In earlier games, reports on which appeared in some editions The Braves got seven hits, six of Dodgers 5, Cardinals 1: Cory them doubles, against San Diego. Mets 9, Cubs 5: Bobby Bonilla Snyder hit a two-run homer and

singled in another run as Tom Candiotti pitched a four-hitter and Los Angeles won in St. Louis for its 12th victory in 13 games.

Candiotti (3-4) struck out six and walked three. The Cardinals spoiled his shutout in the ninth on Ray Lankford's sacrifice fly. Astros 2, Expos 1: Craig Biggio

doubled twice and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth, then third baseman Ken Caminiti made a diving catch with two out in the ninth to save the game for host Houston. Montreal's Wil Cordero doubled, then pinch-hitter Frank Bolick followed with a soft fly into shallow lef) field that Caminiti just caught.

Olerud, Now .395, Helps Fell Angels With 2 Home Runs for the Blue Jays

John Olerud entered the month

of June batting a major league-high 395 after hitting two homers and driving in three runs in help the Toronto Blue Javs close out May with a 10-5 victory over the Angels Olerud and Barry Bonds of the

San Francisco Giants of the National League flirted with the .400 mark for part of May, and now they're close again. Bonds began the new month batting 394. . "He's given a lot of people hard times," said the Angel's John Far-

rell, who gave up both of Olerud's homers. "Olerud swung the bat three times today and hit the ball a total of about 1,200 feet." The last two players to come

close to hitting 400 were Rod Carew (388) in 1977 and George Brett 390) in 1980. Ted Williams did it last, hitting .406 in 1941.

this season, all on the road, Roberto Alomar, Pat Borders and Ed Royals 5, Red Sox 3: Backed Sprague homered for Toronto. The game before, the Blue Jays hit three first time in his 11 starts, David

AL ROUNDUP

The Blue Jays won their third in a row and stopped California's winning streak at four.

John Farrell broke a 4-4 tie in the

Orioles 3. Athletics I: Cal Ripken and Mike Devereaux hit RBI doubles in the sixth while Mike Mussina checked Oakland on six

Olerud and Sprague, in beating Oakland by 13-11.

Alomar's three-run homer off

hits, helping visiting Baltimore break a three-game losing streak. Mussina struck out five and a fourth straight.

with more than four runs for the

Cone pitched Kansas City to victory in Boston and won his third home runs, including drives by straight, giving up seven hits and striking out seven in seven-plus in-

nings.

In earlier games, reports on which appeared in some editions Rangers I, Twins 0: Gary Re-

dus's ground out in the second drove in the only run off Kevin Tapani as Texas won at Minnesota. The Twins were trying to win their fifth straight.

Yankees 8, Indians 2: Paul O'Neill and Hensley Meulens hit consecutive homers in the seventh as New York won its fourth straight and visiting Cleveland lost

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Destroying Civilization

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Happening more or less simultaneously, Michael Jordan's midnight visit to the gambling hell of Atlantic City and the bombing of the Uffizi Gallery in Florence dramatize the modern quarrel about how best to

destroy civilization. Some say fire will do the trick. and some say ice, or so the poet wrote. The modern dispute, however, is between those who favor bombs and those who believe law can do the job quieter.

Metaphorically speaking, bombs may be nothing more than fire and law no different from ice, but who speaks metaphorically these days? Certainly not bombers. When General Curtis LeMay hankered to bomh Vietnam "back to the Stone Age," be wasn't dabbling in poeti-cal expression. He didn't mean "bomb them back to the pre-industrial era," or "to the Dark Ages," or "to the Bronze Age." He meant the Stone Age.

Lawvers aren't much for metaphorical speech either. Their favorite rhetorical device is simile. "Like shouting 'Fire!' in a crowded theater" — that's about as close to poetry as lawyer talk ever comes. And that's an antique from the early part of the century.

Since then lawyers have invented "the hillable hour," which sounds at first as if it might be a metonym but which turns out to be the legal profession's device for siphoning the profits out of large corpora-tions. Charging by "the billable hour" has had a hloating effect on lawyer talk.

If a modern lawyer tried to invent the fine old simile about shouting in a crowded theater, he would say "deleteriously comparable to excessively audible vocalizations purporting to be expressive of the excessively andible vocalizer's putative knowledge in reference to the existence of a conflagrational, and potentially devastating, confla-tionary process of combustible oxidation occurring in the confines of a place licensed for the presentation of drama, both comical and tragical, in addition to performances of musical, cinematical, vaudevilliac, televisualistic . . ."

It is not lawyers' decline into mumbling incoherence that inter-

ests us, however. It is conlawyers' passion for suing, as illustrated by Michael Jordan, the basketball player. All sports-crazed bumanity was scandalized the other day by reports that Jordan had been gam-bling in Atlantic City at 2:30 in the

morning. You must ask someone more sports-crazed than I to learn whether the scandal was his gambling or his being out late on the eve of an important game. Jordan obviously thought it was about being out late, for he made the following threat to the sports-crazed press:

"Let me see one person say I was there at 1 o'clock and they'd have a

Now why in the world would Jordan, a young, healthy and ex-traordinarily rich man with years and years of a wonderful life before him, want to spend the best years of that life tied up with lawyers because some wretched newspaper hack says he was in Atlantic City after 1 o'clock in the morning? Because Jordan is infected with

the deadly lawsuit mania, that's why. At lunch the other day with a publisher who was being sued, I wasn't surprised by his grousing about the ceaseless sleet storm of lawsuits in which publishers, and practically everybody else, lives

these days.

But when he said, "Litigation is destroying America," I realized he was speaking a deep, terrible truth. It is the unsuspected phenomenon that destroys a civilization. Some say the Roman Empire was destroyed by lead poisoning, the re-sult of the Romans cooking food in

The British Empire was almost surely destroyed by the swagger stick. It made imperial Britain's military men look so hatefully arrogant to the rest of the world that the empire was doomed. Yes, I thought, anthropologists of the year A. D. 4001 excavating 10 bilhoo depositions will have to con-clude that ours was a civilization that sued itself to death.

As for the bombers, how pathetically futile they are. Nothing was ever bombed so utterly as Germany, except Japan. When will our terrorists ever learn, the stupid

New York Times Service

Nicholas Meyer and the Art of the Remake

By Joan Dupont

L ONDON — Nicholas Meyer likes living in London, lumching Italian, borseback riding in the park, and keeping in touch with Los Angeles by computer. Brought up on Jules Verne, be is ready to take off around the world to research a story at a moment's notice.

Novelist, director, crime writer, his latest venture is the screenplay of "Sommersby," an American version of Dan-iel Vigne's 1982 "Le Retour de Martin Guerre." Directed by Joo Amiel, with Richard Gere and Jodie Foster, the movie is one of the season's successful remakes, along with "Point of No Return," adapted from Luc Besson's "Ni-kita," and "Scent of a Woman," from Dino Rist's "Profumo di Donna."

"Remake sounds like getting kissed over the tele-phone," Meyer wrinkles his nose, "a carbon-copy, onegeneration-lost affair. I wanted to make a film as vivid and as generic and organic as I possibly could."

It used to be called adaptation and it has been going on for a long time. It has happened to Jean-Luc Godard's "A Bout de Souffle" and François Truffant's "L'Homme Qui Aimait les Femmes." Jean Renoir got kissed over the telephone three times — twice by Fritz Lang and once, fatally, by Paul Mazursky who remade "Boudu Sauvée des into "Down and Out in Beverly Hills."

These days French anteurs are being recycled at high speed, sometimes before the original print is dry. But, of course, the remake is mostly about making money, it seems to be a process that leaves everybody richer, greedier and sometimes sadder. The idea is to take a masterpiece, or something less, and transform it into an American-style box office hit.

"'Martin Guerre' did well in America," says Meyer. "But people don't want to read subtitles, and when the studios talk box office they're talking millions, not thousands. When I was approached to make an American version. I said, not the movie, the story, right? And they said, yeah, but for legal reasons, we'd better buy the rights."

Most remakes are translated from French, a bizarre tribute to the country that came up with the auteur concept in the first place. Studios love the idea of picking up a comedy that has worked abroad, like Coline Serrean's "Trois Hommes et un Couffin" or Gérard Lauzier's "Mon

Some directors and screenwriters are hilled into thinking they are going to keep control of their film; others take the money and run before they are supplanted. Besson found himself replaced by John Badham on "Point of No Return" and Francis Veber walked off "My Father the Hero" when two other screenwriters were called in to Americanize the script. Even an old hand like Meyer has had his script doctored. "The screenplay is 80 percent mine; then they did strange things for reasons I don't understand," he says.

A whiz kid from New York City, Meyer got into movies when he was 12, inspired by Michael Todd's "Around the World in 80 Days." "I saw it at the Rivoli on Broadway with my papa who was a shrink, and he came out of the theater and went back to the box office to buy more tickets." With an 8mm camera and a hand from his father and brother Ronnie (now a film editor), he turned out his own hrand of Todd-A-O Vision. He has scripted and directed what he describes as space opera, the immensely popular "Star Trek" series, working on opuses 2, 4 and 6 — "They happen to be the best ones, it's the opposite of Beethoven



Meyer "wanted to make a film as vivid and as generic and organic as I possibly could."

He has also written riotous spacey novels, such as his best-selling "Seven Percent Solution," in which Sherlock Holmes meets up with Sigmund Freud, and he directed the apocalyptical TV movie "The Day After." "I've always thought about storytelling and never made the distinction between novel or play or movie, or whether I was writing it or directing it," he says.

He comments that making movies was a way of running away from home in his day. "I saw signs that said, join the navy and see the world, but you usually had to kill people. In movies you don't have to kill anybody, and you still see

"Le Retour de Martin Guerre," written by Jean-Claude Carrière and Vigne, was based on a 16th-century trial: a soldier returning from war usurps another man's identity, fooling the man's wife, family and village until he is caught. "Like the trial of Joan of Arc, the trial of Martin Guerre is very well documented; Michel de Montaigne was in the courthouse and wrote a book about it. Transposing the story to America depended on certain things poor communications, no such thing as photographs or fingerprints. I had to think when was the last date when

you could get away with that?"
He hit on 1865, the dreary period after the Civil War and came up with the character of Jack Sommersby, a man who is more romantic than venal. To the objection that there had never been a Hollywood movie set in the Reconstruction, Meyer answered that it was about time. "When I write a screenplay, if it doesn't take place in outer space, I try to go on location. So I went to the South, I learned all about

tobacco, hlack judges, mind-blowing stuff."

He found out that provincial villages may be thousands of years and thousands of miles apart, but they have things in common. "Everybody drew water from the well, put their

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clothes on a line to dry. Contact with the outside world was rare, and religion was the focal point of the community."

He visited the Philip Morris tobacco factory in Virginia, went to North Carolina, and then found the atmosphere and landscape that fueled his imagination in Tennessee. "My take is different from the French film: Jack Sommersby had to do more than return; he had to save the town by planting tobacco. This is the story of a man who has a second chance. He would rather die than lose the identity that he's adopted."

Meyer wrote his script and added some anteur touches of his own, naming the heroine Laurel, in tribute to his wife, a Southerner, and the child Rachel after his daughter. "For me, it was a personal film and I was panting to do the rewrites. The call never came. On Jan. 5, 1992, a date that shall live in infamy, I heard that they hired somebody else. That summer I was told that a third person was hired to put things back to where they were, and that Gere kept saying why can't we stick with the Meyer version? I thought Oy, or words to that effect."

Sommersby doesn't have a happy ending. Meyer's story does. He was called back on the job, and his version has been praised as more than a remake, a re-creation. Now he is off on another time-travel project. "I was sitting in my Jacuzzi after my workout and thinking, I know what I can do in 1993! And I got an idea that's such a winner I couldn't turn it down — Sherlock Holmes meets the Phantom of the Opera." The novel, "The Ca-nary Trainer," will be out in September, and Meyer will probably do his own film adaptation, unless somebody

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer specializing in the

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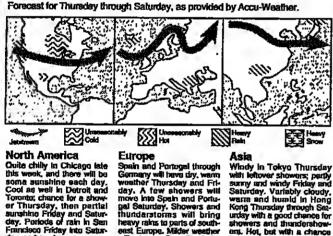
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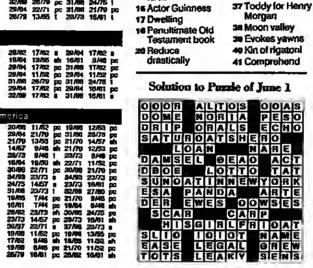
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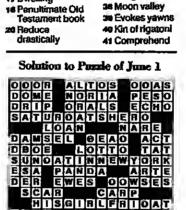
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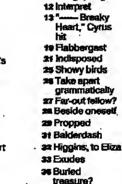
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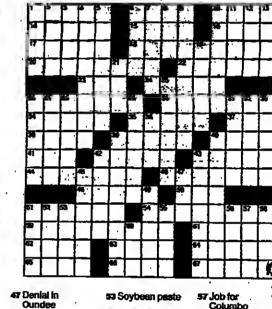
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RIDING THE YELLOW TROLLEY CAR By William Kennedy. 459 pages.

\$25. Viking. Reviewed by Bettina Drew

IKE Hemingway, García Márquez, and scores of others, the novelist William Kennedy began his career as a newspaperman, for many years covering sports, crime, city hall, movies, books and other oews of the day, mostly in Albany, New York.

Kennedy has always respected the "pitfalls and exalted reaches" of the confiction genre, and this substantial collection of essays. journalism and other writings from his newspaper days evokes a life's journey made more meaningful because "along the way," as he puts it, "something happened to my head and I turned into a novelist. What happened was an inability

the source of fiction, an unwillingness to fight the irrational part of him that, because he loved the trolley cars of his Albany youth, caused him to see a yellow trolley along the streets of Barcelona long after they had disappeared. "Serious fiction, especially novelistic work, has time as its essence and memory as its principal tool," Kennedy ootes, and in this book too, time and memory are deeply important. Graced with an emotionally satisfying arrangement and a deep appreciation for life's variety, "Riding the Yellow Trolley Car" is a very literary book. But did we really expect anything else from

includes the charming obituary of Langford, Prominent Albany Cat, to suppress "the profound wellwonderful takes oo writing, reportspring in the unconscious" that is ing, language, rejection and fame, and interviews with Kennedy re-

> hranches out into writings about Malamud, Baldwin, Kosinski, Bellow, Donleavy and others, a community of writers which, though a novelist himself, Kennedy loog seemed to have viewed from the

vealing his views on Irish-American writers from O'Hara to Fitzgerald and O'Connor and O'Neill. Then it's off for a stay at a Joyce symposium that culminates in a visit to 7 Eccles St., the address of Molly Bloom or oot, depending on your version of what is real. This

Eventually becoming a book reviewer, Kennedy, deeply respectful of creative effort, says he learned to

We weave through a past that knock, and so the reviews collected here eothusiastically resurrect books like Heller's "Something Happened" and Mathiessen's "Far Tortuga." Among other pieces, there is a fiery, oever published rebuttal to Clive Barnes's review of Brian Friel's play set in Northern Ireland, "Freedom of the City."

In the 1970s Kennedy became an expert on Latin American literature, describing the phantasmagor-ically passionate world of its writers, 11 of whom are introduced here along with Gregory Rabassa, the translator. A long piece on Gárcia Márquez, relating how the Colombiao wrote "One Hundred Years of Solitude," is especially priceless, and the book also include a translation since the solitude of the solitude of the solitude in the solitude solit clodes entertaining pieces on cul-tural figures from Frank Sinatra to Paul McCartney and Pablo Casals.

send back books he'd have to

By his own reckoning an autobiography of taste, the book documents, almost as an aside, Kennody's long years of oovelistic struggle before recognition. "Who wants to read about burns, and especially burns in Albany?" he kept hearing as he searched for a pub-lisher for the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Ironweed," rejected 13 times before Saul Bellow finally told Viking enough was enough.

Kennedy says those years made him resentful, but it hardly shows. There remains instead a sadness about the publishing industry's inclination to take a risk on a first novelist rather than on a practiced one with a bleak sales record.

Bettina Drew, the author of "Nelson Algren: A Life on the Wild Side "

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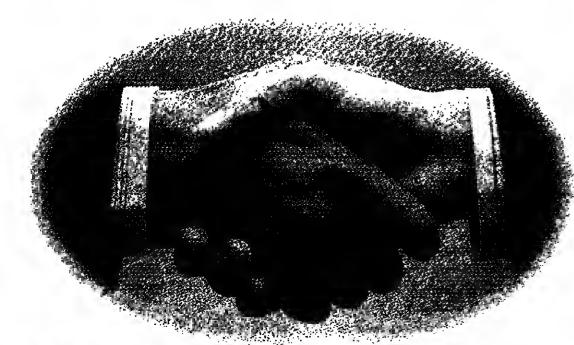
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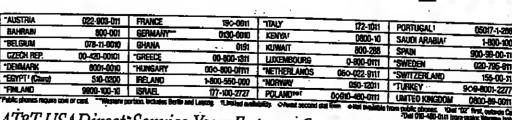
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